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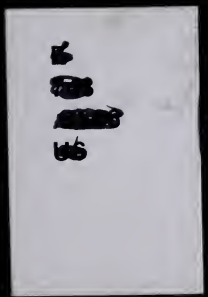

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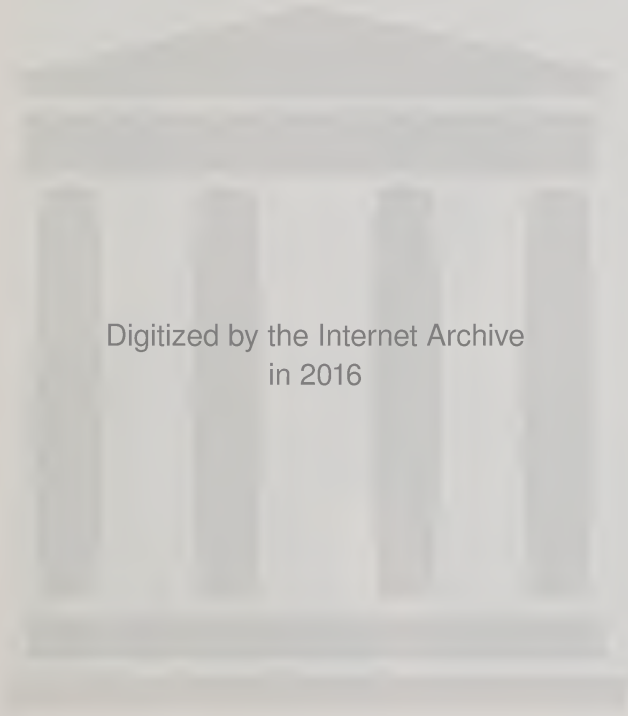
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Biography

LAWRENCE HENRY SMITH was born in Racine, Boone County, Wis., September 15, 1892; attended the public schools and the State Teachers College, Milwaukee, Wis.; graduated from the Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wis., in 1923; was admitted to the bar the same year and commenced the practice of law in Racine, Wis.; during the First World War served as a first lieutenant of Infantry, Thirty-second Division, 1917–1919; elected as a Republican to the Seventy-seventh Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Stephen Bolles; was reelected to the Seventy-eighth and to the seven succeeding Congresses and served from August 29, 1941, until his death in the United States Capitol, Washington, D. C., January 22, 1958; interment in West Lawn Memorial Park, Racine, Wis.

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WEDNESDAY, *January 22, 1958.*

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart that I have to make a very heartbreaking announcement. It is one of these occasions when you wish you were not compelled to do so and I know that every Member of this House feels the same as I do.

At 12:20 today LAWRENCE HENRY SMITH, United States Representative from the First Congressional District of the State of Wisconsin, passed away as a result of a heart attack. He collapsed on his way to the House restaurant for lunch so that he could be on the floor of the House for the day's session and program. He immediately became unconscious and never regained consciousness.

The State, the Nation, and the world all mourn the passing of a great statesman. He was a great statesman. I doubt whether there ever sat in the Halls of Congress a man who exemplified as much courage, integrity, sincerity, and industry as did LAWRENCE HENRY SMITH. In the estimation of all the Members he was an ideal statesman in every respect. I doubt whether a Member ever sat in this Chamber who had the unanimous respect and admiration of each and every one of his colleagues, no matter on what side of the aisle they might be seated.

Although many times he did not agree with the majority, those who did not agree with him had nothing but the highest admiration and respect for his opinions and his judgment. He was one of those who could disagree most vehemently without being disagreeable. His opposition generated admiration and respect—never hate and condemnation. If there was anyone who had any doubt, and I do not think

there was, about his sincerity and his integrity, that doubt was ultimately resolved in favor of LAWRENCE SMITH.

The way he died is typical of his great statesmanship. He died working for his country. He was warned by most of his colleagues to take things easier. But the crisis of the times impelled him to work harder than ever. Our Nation and the world can ill afford to lose him. But our Nation and the world are much better off because he lived and served.

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'KONSKI. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, these events that happen so suddenly make it most difficult for us to express in words the feeling that is in our hearts.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a man who was dedicated to the welfare and well being of his country. He was a gentleman at all times, he was a statesman at all times, a man of firm convictions and unyielding as long as he felt his position was right and for the best interests of his country. I have lost a very close friend and adviser, the State of Wisconsin has lost one of its greatest statesmen and native sons.

We all mourn his passing and extend our very deepest sympathy to his wonderful wife, Eleanor, and to his children.

May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished minority leader, the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Martin].

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with the Wisconsin delegation and other friends in expressing my deep sorrow at the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH. For many years it was my privilege to enjoy his friendship. I knew what a great patriotic American he was and the patriotism that

he brought into his work. He was a devoted man, dedicated to the service of Wisconsin and to the country. We will all miss him. We will miss his cheerful smile, his friendly handclasp. We might have our differences of opinion, but that did not affect LARRY SMITH. LARRY SMITH was a man of real strong convictions and possessed the courage to fight for those convictions. He always gave his best for the country. No man can do more. To his good wife, who has won the admiration of all through her grand patriotic services, and to his family may I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois [Mrs. Church].

Mrs. CHURCH. Mr. Speaker, there are moments when personal sorrow is so deep that words are inadequate to express it. I came to Congress 7½ years ago, and from the moment that I came through the door LAWRENCE SMITH has been at my right hand with counsel, breathing encouragement in moments of frustration, always giving me his cheer, always reminding me that the best that a man or a woman can give here is none too good for a great country.

LAWRENCE SMITH'S district is just to the north of mine, and there is so much crossing over the Illinois-Wisconsin border, north to south and south to north, that we have sometimes felt that we served almost the same district. We have served districts which shared the same convictions; districts which demanded of us that we stand by those convictions. I know of no one in the Congress, during the 22 years that it has been my privilege to know it, who has so strongly stood for what he believed as did LAWRENCE SMITH.

Mr. Speaker, after his first heart attack, which was a serious one, there were many of his friends who urged him time and time again not to give so much of himself. There were moments when we tried to dissuade him from taking the floor to speak for a stand not too popular but one in which he believed with all his heart, but on every such

occasion LAWRENCE SMITH said, "What good would I be here if I did not give all of myself that I could?"

So, today, we share the grief of his widow, who has given so much of herself to Washington, and of his family, who, like his friends, respected LAWRENCE SMITH as much as they loved him. I know of no one who has ever come to the Congress in the history of the United States who showed more courage, who stood more strongly by his convictions, and who felt so fully that even his life was not too much to give to his country.

The Congress will be a lonely place without him.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Zablocki].

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing away of our esteemed colleague, the late Honorable LAWRENCE SMITH, of Racine, came as a deep shock to me as it has, I am certain, to all of the Members of this body. It was a tragic occurrence, and I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to his widow and his family.

The late Congressman SMITH was the dean of our Wisconsin delegation in the United States House of Representatives. I had the privilege of serving with him in the House since my first election to Congress, and I respected him particularly for his sincerity and his stanch integrity. He was a fine gentleman, always courteous and considerate of the people who came in contact with him. We shall miss him greatly, and so will, I am certain, the people of his district who elected him as their Representative to nine consecutive Congresses.

Through our common assignment to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, I enjoyed close association with LARRY SMITH for the past 9 years. While we differed frequently in principle, I admired him for his conscientious devotion to his legislative duties, for his diligent questioning of witnesses who appeared before the committee, and for his adherence to

policies which he considered to be in the best interest of our entire Nation.

There was nothing petty or egocentric in LARRY SMITH's discharge of the responsibilities entrusted to him by his constituency. He was firm in his convictions, courageous in their defense and modest at all times. He was a worthy opponent of those who disagreed with him, yet he was a steadfast friend. He had the respect and affection of many Members on both sides of the aisle.

My wife joins me in extending our sincere condolences to his widow, Eleanor, and to his family. May they find consolation in their bereavement in the thought that the good Lord shall number him among His very own. May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Withrow].

Mr. WITHROW. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I join my colleagues from Wisconsin in grieving the sudden passing of Congressman LAWRENCE SMITH. LARRY, as we fondly called him, was a dedicated man. He had certain principles in which he firmly believed and he fought for those principles. He respected those who did not agree with him and he had their respect.

I remember that from the time I came to Congress I counseled with LAWRENCE SMITH. He did a great deal for me, and I greatly appreciated it. I know of no individual from Wisconsin who has served in the Congress who has done more to create harmony in Wisconsin than did LAWRENCE SMITH.

His passing is deeply felt not only by his colleagues here but the people of his district know they have lost a conscientious legislator.

To his beloved wife and his family Mrs. Withrow and I extend our sincere sympathy.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Vorys].

Mr. VORYS. Mr. Speaker, this is a staggering loss to all of us, and especially to me personally. LARRY SMITH came here to the Congress about 2 years after I did. We have been close friends ever since, associated in the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

LARRY SMITH served his country gallantly in war and just as gallantly in peace. He was a great student, a man who had profound, firm, and unswerving convictions, but a man who was always gentle and courteous and who never did a mean thing to anybody.

He and I differed often in our votes on matters in our committee, although many times we were together. But I think those who served on the committee would join me in saying that his was always a constructive approach. Time and again criticisms which he made resulted in better legislation. Time and again amendments he offered resulted in better legislation.

His sense of service was so unswerving that, as has already been said, at the time he first had this serious type of illness, which was a premonition of what was to come, there were many of us who said to him that the time had come for him to take it easy. But he felt that here was his duty, and he not only continued to serve in Congress but he did not swerve or save himself in the exacting work of his committee and in the exhausting work of this floor. So he has gone down fighting a good fight.

To his dear wife, Eleanor, and to his children goes the sympathy of all of us. May they receive the blessed comfort promised by our Lord to those who mourn.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Laird].

Mr. LAIRD. Mr. Speaker, Wisconsin has lost its most outstanding citizen in the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH, chair-

man of the Wisconsin congressional delegation. Members of our House delegation had learned to lean on LARRY for advice and counsel.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a great American. He was a fine Christian gentleman.

This noon as I sat in the House restaurant LARRY and his longtime friend, Del Kenny, of West Bend, entered the restaurant. I got to him as soon as possible. His attack was a great shock. I had been with him at dinner last night and he was in good spirits as we visited with Wisconsin friends.

As a new Member of Congress in 1953, LAWRENCE SMITH, as dean of our delegation, spent many hours with me. He was patient, he was helpful. There is no one that has given me more help and sound advice here in Washington than LAWRENCE SMITH.

LARRY had a fine career. He will long be remembered by the citizens of Wisconsin and America as a true conservative.

LARRY was State commander of the American Legion. He has contributed much to civic and community life in Wisconsin. He gave much to help his community, to help his State, and to his Nation here as a Member of Congress. This Congress has suffered a great loss today. Our State of Wisconsin and our Nation will miss LAWRENCE.

Certainly from our entire delegation goes deepest sympathy to the members of his family and his dear wife, Eleanor.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. Bolton].

Mrs. BOLTON. Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult to speak when one's heart is overfull, yet each of us, I am sure, is impelled to record here our sorrow at his going, our gratitude that LARRY SMITH has lived.

I came to the Hill in the 76th Congress—our deeply loved colleague, LAWRENCE SMITH, of Wisconsin, joined us in the

77th. Since then we have sat side by side in the Committee on Foreign Affairs, exchanging ideas, arguing our points of view, quietly and earnestly. His comments as we listened to the witnesses and to the discussions were often amusing, always gentle, always kind.

After his first severe illness it became apparent that LARRY was giving his life, bit by bit, to his country. Today the last bit of strength came to an end, and we are left shocked and grieved that he has really gone. Yet will we always be grateful for his living—for his presence among us—for his gentle smile, his quiet wisdom, his indomitable courage, his unswerving faith.

LAWRENCE SMITH was one of the Members of this House who began his day with prayer, who set himself straight with his God before he took up the burdens of the day. To him God has been an ever-present, ever-accessible reality, of whom he could ask clarity, understanding, courage at any moment, as the need came upon him.

LARRY and I talked often of life with a big L; the miraculous adventure of living that we are privileged to experience. I believe he felt as the eastern sage expressed it, that—

> Never the spirit was born, the spirit shall cease to be never;
> Never was time it was not, end and beginning are dreams;
> Birthless and deathless and ageless remaineth the spirit forever
> Dead though the house of it seems.

Surely this man with whom we have worked and played, this consecrated patriot, this rare spirit who has been among us, has but stepped across the threshold to a fuller, freer life of larger opportunity and greater beauty.

To Eleanor, his companion and his wife, I would extend my understanding and affectionate sympathy, knowing that she will be upheld by her own stanch faith and her certainty that there can be no separation when a love such as theirs holds them close.

For us all, Mr. Speaker, I would ask that we pray together in our hearts James Martineau's beautiful prayer:

We seem to have given him back to Thee, dear God, who gavest him to us. Yet, as Thou didst not lose him in the giving, so we have not lost him by his return. Now as the world giveth, givest Thou, O Lover of Souls! What Thou givest, Thou takest not away. For what is Thine is ours always, for we are Thine. And life is eternal; and love is immortal; and earth is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight. Lift us up, strong Son of God, that we may see further; cleanse our eyes that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to Thyself, that we may know ourselves nearer to our beloved who are with Thee. Prepare us for that happy place that where they are and Thou art, we may be. Amen.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from New York [Mr. Reed].

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, this is one of the greatest shocks that I have suffered in a long time. In fact it is very difficult for me to say what I wish to say in regard to LAWRENCE SMITH.

I rode up in the elevator with him this noon. I followed him into the dining room. I saw him go over to a small table on the right. I thought, "I believe I will go over and sit with LAWRENCE." As he reached for the chair to sit down, he fell forward on his face, striking the table, and the blood flowed from his nose. He lay there on his back. I wiped the blood from his nose. I felt for his pulse while someone was sending for the doctor. I could feel the slightest flicker of a pulse and I thought then the end had come.

This is getting to be a very serious matter in the House of Representatives. We can so ill afford to lose men like LAWRENCE SMITH. Yes, he was dedicated to many things. There was one thing he believed in. I know he believed in the Holy Bible. I know he believed that he some day would go to another world. I know that he believed in our Constitution as much as he believed in the Holy Scriptures. He

practiced his beliefs here on this floor. His life is going to make a great contribution to this country, because I have always believed that every man is some boy's ideal. He may not know who the boy is, but he forms an opinion and he wants to grow up and be just like that man. That is a wonderful responsibility. Many youths I am sure in his congressional district and elsewhere who have known LAWRENCE SMITH will want to grow up to be the type of man he was. How rich a heritage that would be for the United States of America, if every man so lived that he would be some boy's ideal—an ideal to make that boy a finer citizen.

There is so much I would like to say in regard to LAWRENCE SMITH. Our thinking ran along the same channel as far as foreign affairs is concerned, and in many other respects.

Mrs. Reed joins with me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Smith, her children, relatives, friends, and the Wisconsin delegation.

I feel so deeply for his dear wife and his children. My sympathy goes out to them. God bless them. I believe that many of his friends on the other side were waiting for him to come.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Tewes].

Mr. TEWES. Mr. Speaker, the dean of our delegation has gone. The suddenness of his passing has left all of us with a numbness and a sense of shock.

Our relationship was warm, personal, and cordial despite the contrast of our positions, for he was Wisconsin's senior Representative and I its junior. Perhaps this gave us a special bond.

Our acquaintanceship predated my election to Congress. He was helpful to me in reaching a decision when I first was urged to be a candidate in 1956. Then he aided me during the course of my campaign. Finally he gave cheer-

fully of his valuable time to introduce me to my new responsibilities here in the Halls of Congress.

LARRY SMITH had the respect of all, whether they agreed or disagreed with him. He was firm in his convictions but gentle in the conflicts which resulted from them. On those occasions when our decisions brought us in opposition, I never felt from him any malice or any disrespect. I, in turn, held him in the greatest esteem for the integrity of his beliefs.

These moments here in the well of the House he loved so much are a rare tribute to LARRY SMITH. He left us but a few moments ago and already this body is conscious of its loss. Here men from all walks of life, from all parts of the country, and of all philosophical beliefs are rising to speak the feeling and regret which has hushed the House.

From Mrs. Tewes and myself I offer our deepest sympathy to Eleanor, his constant companion and helpmate, and to his family.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Hays].

Mr. HAYS of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it has only been within the last 3 years since I have been a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee that I have come to know LARRY SMITH intimately. Many times he and I were on opposite sides of the question before the committee.

I would go further than the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. O'Konski] when he said LARRY SMITH could disagree without being disagreeable; I found that he could disagree with me and elicit my admiration. He could disagree with one in such a way that one felt the strength of his convictions shining through and at the same time the warmth of his character and personality, and one felt that although he disagreed, he was still a friend. Many times after committee meetings I have discussed the issue with him and I came to know him better each time and to have a

deep sense of admiration and respect for him. He filled a great need as a balance wheel on the committee because he gave his viewpoint in such way that those who disagreed with him could at least look long and respectfully at the point of view he presented.

His friends will miss him, Congress will miss him. I did not have the privilege of knowing his wife and his family, but to them goes my deepest sympathy.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Reuss].

Mr. REUSS. Mr. Speaker, we are all saddened by the sudden death of LAWRENCE SMITH, dean of the Wisconsin delegation. I knew LARRY for many years. I first met him some years before I came here when he and I debated one night before an audience in his native Racine County. At that time I learned to know what has since been brought home to me more and more, that here was a man of great earnestness, and sincerity, and goodness. He was a gentleman.

Since then he has paid me hundreds of little kindnesses. Just the other day when I discussed a point of foreign policy with him and wanted to explore it more fully, he took the trouble to write out his thoughts and bring them to my office to study in order to get the benefit of his thinking. I am going to treasure that last note I received from him the more.

If we in this body can follow the example of LAWRENCE SMITH for fairness, sincerity, gentleness, and goodness, we need have no fear for the future of this, the greatest of legislative bodies.

To his beloved wife Eleanor and his fine family go my deepest sympathies. We are going to miss LAWRENCE SMITH.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'KONSKI. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Speaker, I am doubly shocked at the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH because my wife and I were present in the dining room when this tragedy occurred.

Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of Representative LAWRENCE SMITH today is a severe shock. A veteran of 17 years here he had the confidence of his constituents in the First District of Wisconsin.

I came to know him as a freshman Representative from the Ninth District of Wisconsin who came to Congress, like he did, as the result of a special election. Although we came from different political parties I always found LAWRENCE SMITH to be a gentleman who was generous and courteous in his discussions of political matters. No person ever questioned the sincerity of his viewpoints which always were precisely and accurately expressed. His devotion to duty is well known here on Capitol Hill where he started his day early and worked late in behalf of those who sent him here. I sincerely mourn his death and know that the Wisconsin delegation has been saddened by his loss. Mrs. Johnson and I shall miss him greatly. Our sympathies go out to his wife Eleanor and his children.

Mr. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'KONSKI. I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. RIVERS. Mr. Speaker, none of us know normally how we are attracted to various Members of this distinguished body. I have served here over 17 years and LAWRENCE served here for at least that length of time. I do not remember just when our friendship began, but, being an early riser I know that each morning at 8 o'clock LAWRENCE SMITH, the distinguished gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Mason], the gentleman from Louisiana [Mr. Brooks], and myself open up the cafeteria. It was not infrequent that we all occupied the same table for breakfast.

This morning two of us were there, LAWRENCE SMITH and myself, but later we were joined by the distinguished gentleman from California [Mr. Engle]. We enjoyed a very pleasant breakfast. He did not appear to be ill. We discussed the budget, we discussed the state of the national debt, and, as it would happen, we discussed the raising of the public debt. I told him I was going to vote for it. He said he was not. We did not question each other's integrity. Of course, I did not question his. I asked him why? He said, "That would be my way of protesting against spending and that is my reason for voting against it. We are spending too much money."

But, as many of you have observed, never did he make one feel badly or cause one uneasiness because of his disagreement. He was a million percent American gentleman. Here I am from the Deep South, he from the Middle Northwest, and friends for many years.

LAWRENCE SMITH visited me in Charletson, my hometown. We offered our guest house in the spring of the year when our flowers beckon so many people from so many sections of America. Last spring he visited us and I was hopeful he would again this year.

LAWRENCE and his wife were two of the most charming people one could meet. He made many friends in my part of the world and, for that matter, wherever he went. As head of the subcommittee on real estate of the Committee on Armed Services, I worked with him very closely, and he worked tirelessly for the initiation and construction of a tactical airbase in his district, the Bong Airbase. He worked all the time, and it was such a great pleasure to work with him. But, this morning as he sat there he did not think and I did not think that, as the poet said:

> But such a tide as moving seems asleep;
> Too full for sound and foam,
> When that which drew from out the boundless deep
> Turns again home

We will miss him. He will leave a void here. We will all remember him. He has returned home with the soundless tide to the boundless deep.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Rhode Island [Mr. Forand].

Mr. FORAND. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of our distinguished colleague, LAWRENCE SMITH, has shocked all of us. His is the most recent of the passing of several of our distinguished Members, and that should bring to all of us the serious thought of what pressures the Members of the Congress are under. It should cause us to pause for a moment and realize that it is well for all of us to give our best, as LARRY did, to the task that has been assigned to us by our constituents and to the responsibility we have as Members of this great body, to the care and the protection of all the people of our country. LARRY was a living example of one who devotes himself to the *n*th degree in discharging his great responsibilities, and as was so well said by some of our colleagues a few minutes ago, he gave his life for what he thought was best for all of our people.

I have been privileged to have known LARRY SMITH and his good wife over a period of many years. To know LARRY was to love him. He was a man dedicated to the *n*th degree to his responsibilities. There is so much that could be said of the fine example he gave to all of us by his actions. He was studious and knew the subject that he was to speak about and, as was said, he was never offensive but, rather, he stood firm in expounding his beliefs. That is true Americanism. It can well be said of him: This world is better because LAWRENCE SMITH lived.

My prayer is that the good Lord will give strength to his devoted wife and to his family to bear this great burden that has been thrust upon them and He will have mercy on his soul.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. O'Hara].

Mr. O'HARA of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, to some of us who have just returned from the funeral of one of our other distinguished friends, Mr. Andresen, of Minnesota, the passing of Mr. SMITH illustrates that all of us stand more or less a heart-beat between this life and eternity.

Things that have been said about LARRY SMITH have been so true and so sincere. LARRY came to the 77th Congress at a special election, and I have known and admired and respected him all of these years. LARRY, I think, more or less illustrates something that is so necessary in this country, of people who believe in principles and who sustain those principles no matter how few or how great the allies may be. With it all he had the noble gentleness of a fine Christian gentleman. I suppose there could be many things said, such as his deep devotion to his country and to his district, and that when you lose people like August Andresen and LARRY SMITH it is a long time before you can replace them in their respective districts and in the Halls of Congress.

To Mrs. Smith, to his family, to his district and the State of Wisconsin I extend my deepest sympathy. May eternal light and justice, the kind of justice that LARRY SMITH wanted in this country, be his forever.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Arends].

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, within all too short a number of days we again have a colleague who has answered the last call. The knock came to the door of life for LARRY SMITH unexpectedly today. It impresses upon all of us that we live such lives as to be ready for that knock when it comes our way. LARRY SMITH lived such a life.

Many, many fine words have been spoken this afternoon about the life of LARRY SMITH, about the devotion of this man to his duties. They are all true. But yet words can

never really express what LARRY SMITH really stood for—his accomplishments, his hopes, his ambitions, and his contribution to all of us. In my official capacity as party whip, knowing of LARRY's strong convictions, on many occasions I have sat down with him, he quietly but firmly explained his position on some issue. Of course, to try to change a man who had such honest convictions would be foolhardy. He very plainly and forcefully set forth his deep-seated convictions on the issue at hand. He forcefully presented the reasons why he felt he was doing the right thing for his district and the people of this great country. I admired him for it. I admired him for his convictions.

Many times people in my district have said, "How can you get along with people who so violently differ with you?" And I said that if there was one thing that I have learned in public life, it is to respect and honor anyone who differs with you and differs with you out of sincere convictions. With such individuals we will never quarrel, however wide our opinions or views.

At his request a couple of years ago, I was privileged to go to his district to make a speech. Unfortunately, he could not be there that night. As I left there I said to my wife, "There is something very wonderful here this evening. After the meeting one after another of those who were present came up to me and in no uncertain terms—almost in an explosive way—they told me of their love and their respect for this man who was their servant in the Congress of the United States." He looked upon himself as their servant. They looked upon him as the leader.

I know of no better way to know actually what a man is than how he is regarded by his people at home, where daily he has to deal with people he represents and has close personal contact with them.

LARRY SMITH was a great American. LARRY SMITH was honorable in the fullest sense. He was honest, upright, and straightforward. He did his job. To it he applied his en-

ergy and talents. He gave his life in a continuing effort to solve the problems that constantly arise in the country. I recall the verses of an old hymn which may be familiar to you. It begins:

Are you willing, are you ready? says the Master.

I am sure that LARRY SMITH was ready.

My deep sympathy for his lovely wife, Eleanor, and his family. Yes; they will miss him, but they must know there are countless others who, with us, will miss him, too.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Jensen].

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, the life and deeds of the Honorable LAWRENCE SMITH will shine through the mists of centuries a glowing tribute to a great patriot. LARRY SMITH had the courage of his convictions. He always strived to do the right as God gave him the power to see the right.

My office is only a short distance down the corridor from LARRY'S. I visited with him often and many times after hours. LARRY was a hard worker. Saturdays he would be at his office. At night you would often see the light burning in LARRY'S office, and with him was his devoted wife. She was always at his side, helping in every way to carry on the good fight which LARRY constantly waged for his beloved country's welfare.

We have lost a great statesman. I have lost a great, good friend. America has lost one of the most sincere, one of the most devoted, one of the most valuable servants who has ever graced the floor of Congress. LARRY SMITH was indeed one of God's noblemen. I grieve with his wife and family. God rest his soul.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. Gordon].

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked and saddened by the sudden passing today of our beloved col-

league, LAWRENCE SMITH, of Wisconsin, with whom it has been my honor and privilege to serve in this House and on the Foreign Affairs Committee for so many years.

LARRY SMITH, as we affectionately referred to him, was first elected to the 77th Congress in a special election in August 1941. He joined the Foreign Affairs Committee in the 79th Congress and has served with great distinction as one of the outstanding leaders on the committee. LARRY SMITH was a man of the highest integrity who stood firmly by his principles. He was consistent in his views and won the respect, admiration, and affection of all who knew him, regardless of whether or not they agreed with his position on legislative matters. When taking the opposition, he was always an honorable opponent and far from engendering bitterness in his tactics and friendly opposition served always to cement old friendships and ever win new friends for him.

In the passing of LARRY SMITH the Congress has lost an outstanding leader and a very great man, one who was not afraid to fight for what he believed right even when he knew that his vote would not be on the prevailing side. Our country needs more men like him. He will be missed by countless friends all over the country and our heartfelt condolences and sympathy go out to his bereaved loved ones.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Bentley].

Mr. BENTLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is impossible for me to describe the shock and grief which I personally feel on the passing of Congressman LAWRENCE SMITH, of the First District of Wisconsin. Ever since I came to the Congress, about 5 years ago and as a freshman served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, it has been my good fortune and privilege to be closely associated with LARRY SMITH. We collaborated many times on certain pieces of legislation about which we both had strong ideas. During that period of collaboration and friendship I grew not only to know him but to admire

him; indeed, in many respects, to have a deep fondness for him.

I will miss him very much. The Committee on Foreign Affairs will miss him very much. The Congress of the United States will miss him very much. The people of his own district of Wisconsin, the people of that State, indeed, the people of this country will miss him very much. In many respects he has left a vacancy that is difficult, if not impossible, to fill. His integrity, his courage, his firmness in doing what he believed to be right in the best interests of our Government are qualities that sometimes are difficult to come by these days in the degree to which they were found in the person of LARRY SMITH.

Mrs. Bentley and I certainly want to extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to his wonderful wife and family and the people of his district. I express the hope that those of us who remain behind can recall the lessons that he left for us to follow during the 17 years in which he served in this House of Representatives.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. Van Pelt].

Mr. VAN PELT. Mr. Speaker, it was indeed sad news to learn of the passing of our colleague, LAWRENCE SMITH. I did not believe that I could take the floor to join in the tributes of my colleagues, but in sitting here with you listening to those tributes to a great husband, a fine father, and a true friend of mine, it has been the spiritual lift that I needed.

In the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH I have suffered a deep personal loss. When I arrived in Washington in 1950 as a Member of this distinguished body he was a veteran of nearly 10 years of service in this House. His friendship, counsel and advice was invaluable to me as a newcomer as I know it was to many other Members of Congress.

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In all of his activities LAWRENCE SMITH was a man of great personal dignity and charm but to most of his friends he was always affectionately addressed as "LARRY." He was always willing and anxious to help, and I turned to him many times in the years I have been in Congress. Everyone in Wisconsin knew him to be a hard fighter for what he considered to be right and in the best interests of the people, but he had no enemies. He was respected by supporters and opponents alike. His numerous election campaigns were always conducted on a high level, and he had the confidence of thousands.

To me LAWRENCE SMITH was the perfect gentleman, and he so conducted himself both here on the floor of the House and in his private life. I greatly admired his courage and judgment in public affairs and I know that this Nation is a better place to live because he lived and unselfishly served the country he loved.

He was a native of my home State of Wisconsin and was educated in Wisconsin schools and colleges. He early demonstrated his patriotism by serving as a first lieutenant in the famed 32d Division during World War I. He came to Washington in 1941, following a special election and served continuously since that time. During most of his years of service he was a member of the important House Committee on Foreign Affairs. In the work of that committee he devoted himself vigorously to the task of solving some of the most pressing problems confronting the Nation. He also gave of himself unstintingly as a member and department commander of the Wisconsin division, American Legion.

When he experienced a severe heart attack several years ago many of his friends urged him to lighten his burdens but he regarded himself as a good soldier and expendable in the service of his country. He will be greatly missed in this Chamber and by his devoted family. To Mrs. Smith and their three children, I extend my deepest and most sincere sympathy.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Kansas [Mr. Scrivner].

Mr. SCRIVNER. Mr. Speaker, three times in just a few days the angel of death has gathered in a Member of this House. Our hearts are so full that our tongues are almost silent.

LARRY SMITH was a good man. He was a Christian man. Yes, as has been described, he was a courageous man. He was courageous because of his unalterable faith, not only his faith in this great Republic, but above all his faith in Eternal God.

LARRY will not answer any more rollcalls on the floor of this House but he will be with us. He will be with us forever in our memories, and he will live on forever, through his children.

His life has not ended. His real life, his better life, has just begun, because truly LARRY SMITH was a good and faithful servant who shall have his just reward.

Mrs. Scrivner joins me in extending to Eleanor and the children our heartfelt sympathy, knowing full well that we cannot lessen the loss or lighten the load, but knowing that she will be sustained by the same unfaltering trust in that same Master of all men that sustained LARRY throughout all of his days.

> Beautiful life is that whose span
> Is spent in duty to God and man,
> Beautiful calm when the course is run,
> Beautiful twilight at set of sun,
> Beautiful death with life well done.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. O'Hara].

Mr. O'HARA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am joined with my colleagues on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and on both sides of the aisle in this Chamber in the shock and great grief that have come to us. Only a few days ago

LARRY SMITH and I with Mrs. Smith and the gentlewoman from Illinois [Mrs. Church] were guests of the gentlewoman from Ohio [Mrs. Bolton] at a luncheon honoring a visiting Minister of the Government of Uganda. LARRY SMITH was so full of life, so vibrant in his interest in the subjects discussed in our conversations, so sweet and charming as ever he was even when differing with you on questions under consideration, that the furthest thought from my mind was that he was on the eve of his departure from us. The House has lost a Member so beloved by everyone that there was no one on either side of the aisle who was not his friend. He will be missed, but he will be remembered as long as any who had the good fortune of being his colleague is left.

In the Committee on Foreign Affairs there will be a void of which we will be sensitive when next we meet and on every later occasion. In the shock of this moment I cannot try to contemplate the conference table in the room of the Committee on Foreign Affairs with the chair from which radiated the sweetness and the charm of LARRY SMITH vacant.

In every sense he was a great American. That is a term that we so often use but applied to LARRY SMITH it is truly and accurately descriptive. He may not have agreed with others of his colleagues, but he never quarreled with them. He could debate with eloquence and with great force; but there was never any anger, any question of the integrity of another mind that was not in agreement with his own mind. He was always a gentleman. He was always a devoted public servant and he was a friend with all the warm attributes of a sincere Christian character.

To his wife Eleanor and to his children go my deepest sympathy.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert].

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join the Wisconsin delegation in their sorrow over the loss of our good friend and

distinguished colleague, LARRY SMITH. Here was a man of so many good qualities that it would not be possible even to enumerate them. He was kind, he was humble, he was courageous, he was dedicated, he was able. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word. Mr. Speaker, LAWRENCE SMITH was a great Congressman. He was articulate and forceful. This House can ill afford to lose men who present their points of view with such clarity and with such conviction as LAWRENCE SMITH was always able to present his points of view on the important problems which came to us from the great Committee on Foreign Affairs.

It seems to me that representative government thrives on the competition of ideas. The viewpoint which LAWRENCE SMITH represented in the field of foreign affairs was not the viewpoint that generally prevailed in this House in recent years, but it was a very important and worthy approach to our problems in the field of diplomacy. It may well be that his position on these issues, if it had prevailed, would have brought us closer to the goal of peace to which we all aspire than the programs which have had more popular support in this body. LAWRENCE SMITH was a leader. He was the most eloquent and articulate spokesman of the viewpoint which he represented in this Congress. We have lost a truly great statesman.

I extend his wife and children my deepest sympathy.

Mr. O'KONSKI. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Hoeven].

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, a sturdy oak has fallen. The grim reaper has taken my good friend LAWRENCE SMITH. He passed this way and left his footprints in the sands of time. We are better men and women because he walked among us. It is a privilege to have known him.

There have been four deaths among Members of Congress this session. The terrific strain on our Members is really

taking its toll. Let this again be a warning to all of us to slow down before it is too late; and may we be ready when the Master calls.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a great American; he was a tireless worker who never let his constituents down. Not in the best of health, he bravely carried on in spite of his physical handicaps. He was a devoted public servant who will be greatly missed by all who really knew him. LAWRENCE SMITH served well his day and generation. What more can be said of any man?

Mrs. Hoeven joins me in extending deepest sympathy to his devoted wife and the members of his family.

Mr. ADAIR. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'KONSKI. I yield to the gentleman from Indiana.

Mr. ADAIR. Mr. Speaker, it is almost impossible for some of us to realize that LAWRENCE SMITH is gone. In the words of the poet I think we would say, rather, that "he is not dead, he is just away."

Mr. Speaker, other Members have mentioned the many noble characteristics that LAWRENCE SMITH possessed. Those of us who knew him well, admired him and worked with him around the committee table would most certainly share those views.

The things that impressed me most about him was the fact that his actions were based upon firm philosophies and beliefs—beliefs that were a part of his very fiber, and he was guided by them; whether they were popular or unpopular with most men.

He did what he thought he ought to do. He presented his point of view in a gentle, friendly but forceful manner.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a great Representative. He had a fine war record. He was a distinguished citizen.

We shall miss him and we pray God to bless LARRY SMITH and to comfort his wife and children in this hour of sorrow.

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'KONSKI. I yield to the gentleman from Maine.

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, in the 15 years that I have been in this House, I remember no period when death has paid us visits more frequent or more costly than in the last 3 months.

The sudden death of LAWRENCE SMITH has robbed me of a warm friend. He and his wife, my wife and I were all in Beirut together in 1953, and we returned home together. He was a most considerate and charming companion. One might disagree with LAWRENCE but no one could question his sincerity or gainsay his patriotism. Duty, I am sure, was the watchword of his life. He lived for the performance of his duties here.

Some years ago LAWRENCE was stricken and within a week I asked him solicitously about his health. He made me a most reassuring reply. I hoped that we might be colleagues in this Chamber for many years to come.

All of us suffer a great loss when men like LAWRENCE leave us. For all of us the bell has tolled.

To LAWRENCE's wife and his children, I offer my especial and most heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. O'KONSKI. I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy today and words are utterly inadequate to express my feelings. I was inexpressibly shocked and saddened when I came to the House Chamber today and learned about the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH. I wish to join my colleagues from Wisconsin and others who have paid tribute to this great American.

LAWRENCE SMITH and I came to this House in the same Congress. I came a few months ahead of him, as LARRY was

elected in a special election in the summer of 1941, and took his seat in September.

I remember my first conversation with LAWRENCE SMITH, which was on the floor of this House.

He made a deep impression upon me and I immediately recognized his sterling qualities. My admiration and esteem for him has grown over the years. We formed a close friendship which has meant a great deal to me, and his untimely passing is a great personal loss.

LAWRENCE SMITH was truly a Christian gentleman and statesman. I have never seen a more devoted and consecrated Christian. He believed in God and in his church. He was a man of great faith and he lived his religion. I never heard him speak ill of anyone.

Mr. Speaker, the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH is an irreparable loss not only to this body but to his district and the entire Nation. We cannot afford to lose men like LARRY SMITH. We shall not see his like again.

I respected LARRY SMITH for his great courage. He was a man of principle and fought for what he believed. I recall that he had deep-seated convictions concerning certain aspects of our foreign policy, and was always able to support his position with facts and figures. He did a great deal of research work. His speeches on the floor, and his insertions in the Record, always contained information of great value.

I am going to miss LARRY SMITH and the House will not be the same without him. His life will always be an inspiration and a challenge to me.

Mrs. Chenoweth joins me in extending our deep personal sympathy to Eleanor and the children. May God comfort them and give them strength to bear this heavy loss, which all of us share with them.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Vermont [Mr. Prouty].

Mr. PROUTY. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound shock and sorrow that I learned of the sudden passing of our distinguished colleague, the Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH.

Perhaps the achievements of a man during his lifetime constitute the best possible eulogy. If that is true, any words of mine can only be superfluous because the life of LARRY SMITH was an inspiration to all who knew him.

As a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs I became intimately associated with LARRY SMITH. Frequently I was unable to share his views but never did I question his sincerity or the depth of his convictions.

He was gentle, but firm—unspectacular, but sound; one who at all times was dedicated to causes he believed to be right and in the best interest of our Nation.

The House of Representatives has lost an outstanding Member. I have lost a close personal friend.

May God's blessings be upon his devoted wife and their children during this tragic hour.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. Johansen].

Mr. JOHANSEN. Mr. Speaker, the outpouring of tributes here today to Congressman LAWRENCE SMITH is the measure of the esteem and respect and the affection in which he was held by his colleagues.

As a younger Member of Congress who was not privileged to serve on the same committee with him, I am taking this time to join in these tributes because his friendship was one of the treasured inheritances which I received from my distinguished and beloved predecessor and LARRY SMITH's good friend, the late Congressman Paul Shafer. Curiously, my coming to this House coincided with the time of LAWRENCE SMITH's earlier critical illness.

It was a privilege to have known him. He did me the high honor of accepting an invitation last year to speak in Kalamazoo, Mich., in my district, and in that address he

brilliantly and eloquently expressed his views on current issues, his adherence to constitutional principles and the faith that was in him. As a younger Member of Congress, I can only express the hope, sharing as I do so many views that he held, that I may in some measure match the courage of his adherence to those views and match the tolerance, respect, and kindness which he always exhibited to those who might differ with him.

Mrs. Johansén joins me in extending deepest sympathies to Mrs. Smith, to his children, to his colleagues from the State of Wisconsin, and to the citizens of his district who, with the State and Nation, have suffered a heavy loss.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Horan].

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, I, like so many who have spoken today, have lost a friend. Many fine things have been said about LARRY SMITH here, and they are so richly deserved. He was, in the fullest meaning of the word, a gentleman. LARRY yielded to no one in his devotion to those things which he felt honestly were good for this Nation of ours, and he was eloquent in his expressions of them. LARRY leaves a proud record here of services to his district, his State, and to the Nation. To me that is a legacy beyond price to those he left behind. Mrs. Horan and I wish to join in sending our deepest sympathies to his beloved wife, Eleanor, and his children.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Abernethy].

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Speaker, like so many others here today I rise at this time with a very heavy heart. It has been my privilege throughout more than 15 years to serve in this body with many men and women. Among them were many of outstanding ability and prominence; but I can say that none exceeded our late friend, LAWRENCE SMITH, in either ability or prominence. He was indeed a man among men.

He merited and had the respect of every Member of this House throughout his long career.

In my early days here LAWRENCE and I became good friends. It was a friendship that I cherished and it grew year by year. His charming wife is a very close friend of my family. I doubt that Mrs. Abernethy has a closer friend among the wives of the Members than she has in Mrs. Smith.

Several Members have mentioned the fact that they had different views from those of LARRY SMITH on different matters that come before us from time to time. I am in another category. It was not often that LARRY and I differed. He and I almost always saw the issues alike. In fact, many times I have stepped across the aisle and counseled with him on pending issues. He has done the same with me and I always felt honored when a man of such great ability did so.

LARRY was loyal to his political party. But with him the party was always made secondary to his Americanism. He was an American first, a party man second. If he had a choice to make between his politics and his country he always chose his country. I admired him for it. This House admired him for it and the words that have been spoken on this heart-rending occasion indicate very clearly that his colleagues not only admired him but they respected him.

LARRY SMITH was of the old school. Unfortunately for the country, they are a passing group. Their sound logic, reasoning, judgment, and statesmanship are sorely needed again. No foundation every crumbled under them. In fact, it was his kind that built the strong foundation on which our country rests. We can ill afford to lose him.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a strong constitutionalist. He was a man of deep dedication and profound conviction. He was dependable. When you learned where he stood today, you knew where he would be tomorrow.

Another great quality I appreciated in our departed friend was his nonsectionalism. He loved this country, all parts of

it, all States, all sections, and all peoples. He never once said or did anything that would be offensive to people of other sections.

I am one of those who very frequently met him in the Capitol in the early morning hours. As the gentleman from South Carolina [Mr. Rivers] said a moment ago, LARRY was really one of the early risers and late workers. On several occasions I accused LARRY and his wife, Eleanor, who was always with him, of opening the Capitol every morning. Seldom have I come down that he was not already here. I enjoyed my association with him at the breakfast table to which the gentleman from South Carolina referred.

He worked faithfully and he worked hard. In fact he worked too hard, and because he did, I have no doubt but that is the reason he is not here at this hour.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a deeply religious man. His faith was deeply rooted in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul. The deeply consecrated man that he was, if he could speak to us at this hour his words would be something like those of the poet who said:

If but one message I may leave behind,
One single word of courage for my kind,
It would be this—Oh, brother, sister, friend,
Whatever life may bring, what God may send,
No matter whether clouds lift soon or late,
Take heart and wait.

Despair may tangle darkly at your feet,
Your faith be dimmed, and hope, once cool and sweet,
Be lost; but suddenly above a hill,
A heavenly lamp, set on a heavenly sill
Will shine for you and point the way to go,
How well I know.

For I have waited through the dark, and I
Have seen a star rise in the blackest sky
Repeatedly—It has not failed me yet.
And I have learned God never will forget
To light His lamp. If we but wait for it,
It will be lit.

Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret the passing of my friend and our colleague and I join with the fine delegation from Wisconsin and the other Members of this body in expressing deep sympathy to his fine family and particularly to his lovable, adorable wife.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Fountain].

Mr. FOUNTAIN. Mr. Speaker, I learned to know LAWRENCE SMITH best as a very able member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and as a devout member of our regular Thursday morning prayer group. My heart would be heavier if I departed from these Halls today without sharing with you my own sorrow over his sudden and tragic passing.

There is little I can add to the splendid words so eloquently spoken here today as a tribute to him and expressing our mutual sorrow over his passing. My thoughts and prayers go out for his devoted widow and other loved ones in this their hour of bereavement.

As many of you have been speaking this afternoon, there suddenly returned to me the words of a poem I learned as a child—I hope I can recall them—words, the substance of which, the heart and soul of LARRY SMITH may well be uttering at this moment, words so descriptive of his life. The poem is entitled "Gethsemane":

It seemeth such a little way to me across to that strange country, the beyond,
And yet, not so strange, for it has grown to be the home of those of whom I am so fond.
They make it seem familiar and most dear,
And journeying friends bring distant regions near.
So close it lies that when my sight is clear,
I think I almost see the gleaming strand.
I know I feel those who have gone from here
Come near enough sometime to my hand;
I often think but for our veiled eyes
We should find heaven right around about us lies.

I cannot make it seem a day to dread
When from this dear earth
We shall journey out to that still dearer country of the dead,
And join the lost ones so long dreamed about.
I love this world, yet shall I love to go
And meet the friends who wait for me, I know.
I never stand above a bier and see the seal of death set on some well-loved face,
But that I think, once more to welcome me,
When I shall cross the intervene's space, between this land and that one over there,
Once more to make the strange beyond seem fair
And so for me 'tis no sting to death.
For grave has lost its victory. It is but crossing with a bated breath, white-set face, a little strip of sea,
To find the loved ones waiting on the shore, more beautiful; more precious then e'er before.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Gross].

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I am shocked and deeply grieved by the death of LAWRENCE SMITH. Without question, the Congress has lost one of its finest Members, and I know I have lost a good friend.

LARRY SMITH, as many of us knew him, was a man of unquestioned integrity, of courage, and loyalty to his God and his country. Once convinced of the course he must pursue in public affairs he was unswerving. Never, in the time it was my privilege to serve with him in this House, did he yield to the blandishments of expediency.

He was a devoted husband and father; a fearless and dedicated public servant. He could leave to his family no richer heritage, and he could leave to the people of his district and his friends in Congress nothing in memory that could be more enduring.

Mrs. Gross joins me in extending to Eleanor, his widow and constant companion, and their children, our heartfelt sympathy in their hours of deepest sorrow.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members who desire to do so may extend their remarks in the Record on the life and services of the late LAWRENCE SMITH.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There was no objection.

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, LAWRENCE SMITH was a good and kindly man. If you knew him you liked him.

My deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and all who loved him.

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Speaker, LARRY SMITH was my friend and to call him a friend was a privilege indeed. To him, the service in the Congress was more than a job or a position, it was a responsibility of the highest order.

By his very attitude, he imparted to his colleagues and constituents alike a sense of confidence and dependability.

Not only was LARRY SMITH a highly respected Member, he was also able to combine this quality with that of likeability. The regard prevailed on both sides of the aisle.

The Nation has lost a valuable public servant. Our sympathy is extended to the surviving members of his family in their grief.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I learned today of the death of our beloved colleague, LAWRENCE SMITH. To know him was to like him. Many today have mentioned his many kindnesses, his gentle nature, his firmness. He lent dignity and strength to this great legislative body. He ably represented not only his district but, as a great American, made this House of Representatives a greater legislative body.

His memory will be cherished by all of us in this Chamber. Mrs. Marshall and myself express our sympathy to his family.

Mr. SELDEN. Mr. Speaker, during the 3 years I have served as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, I learned to admire and respect our late colleague, Hon. LAWRENCE SMITH.

He was a man gentle in nature, but one who always had the courage of his convictions.

The death of LAWRENCE SMITH is a great loss to the committee on which he served, to the Congress, and to our Nation.

I join with my colleagues in expressing my deepest sympathy to his widow and to the members of his family.

Mr. KILBURN. Mr. Speaker, LARRY SMITH and I came to Congress at about the same time. We had mutual friends in Wisconsin so when he first came I looked him up. We have been close friends over the years that we have served together. I feel a great sense of loss in his passing. I know of no one in the House that was held in higher respect than LARRY SMITH. He had, it seems to me, a perfect concept of devoted duty to his job. While we did not always agree on legislation it never showed in the slightest in our friendship. He was absolutely perfect that way yet he steadfastly and courageously and emphatically stated his views on the floor of the House.

I extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Smith and his family.

Mr. ALGER. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult indeed to put into words the sorrow I feel at the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH or how great is the loss to this Nation. Yet his deeds, his words live on in the minds of those of us so privileged to know him. I shared breakfast with him frequently and often benefited from his viewpoints and his counsel.

LAWRENCE and I were on the losing side of many votes in this House, and our bond of friendship was strengthened by a kinship of outlook. We shared companion views on the role of Federal Government in our lives. Perhaps my most sincere and heartfelt compliment and commemoration will

be to do whatever I can to preserve this old-fashioned traditional view of constitutional government which LAWRENCE SMITH so consistently championed. Finally, if one test of success is to have made the world a little better by having been here, then LAWRENCE SMITH was a great success.

Mr. VAN ZANDT. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of our beloved colleague, the Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH, is a source of real sorrow, and I extend my sincere sympathy to his loved ones in the great loss they have sustained.

In his congressional duties, Representative SMITH, as a member of the Wisconsin bar, found his legal training of invaluable aid to him in his legislative activities and in his membership on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. He was thorough in all his undertakings, applying his fine talents to the maximum in analyzing all issues. A constant and unrelenting foe of world communism, our departed colleague had at all times an all-consuming love for his country and was a militant exponent of the American ideals of liberty and freedom. So imbued was he with the obligations of his oath of office and intense was his desire to serve his country and his constituents with vigilance and devotion that he labored zealously with the myriad of present-day problems, unmindful of his own health. It is proper to conclude that such devotion to duty was a contributing factor to his sudden collapse while engaged in carrying out his congressional duties on the floor of the House.

Representative LAWRENCE SMITH served with distinction as a first lieutenant, Infantry, 32d Division, during World War I. From the time of his discharge from military service, he became active in veterans' affairs. He was honored by the American Legion in being elected department commander of Wisconsin and later served as national executive committeeman and national child-welfare chairman, American Legion. The veteran population of this Nation had a stanch friend in Congress in Representative LAWRENCE SMITH, as he

never missed the opportunity to be of service to the men and women of America who had worn the military uniform. He had added inspiration for his service to veterans from the fact that his beloved wife, Eleanor Rowley Smith, enjoyed the distinction of serving as national president of the American Legion Auxiliary, an honor in which her husband shared her pardonable pride.

Mr. Speaker, we shall all miss the companionship of Representative LAWRENCE SMITH. From a personal standpoint, I regard his death as a great loss because he embodied all the characteristics of an able and sincere legislator who had the best interests of his country at heart.

Mr. HILLINGS. Mr. Speaker, I still cannot believe that LARRY SMITH is gone. His kindness to me and his counsel during my congressional service were invaluable. He was easily one of the most outstanding Members of this body and his leadership in the field of foreign affairs will be sorely missed by all Americans.

My heart is too full to speak further at this time except to say, "Thank God for giving us men like LARRY SMITH."

I extend my profound sympathy to his family and his constituents.

Mr. HOFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, the sudden, tragic death of our colleague, LARRY SMITH, brings home to us again for the fourth time in a few short days how transitory is our presence here; impresses us with the fact that the hold, the influence of each of us has no permanency.

Since coming here in January of 1935, 23 years ago, I recall the services of no man which have been of more help to me personally than were those of our colleague.

On foreign affairs, the amount of and the manner in which our money was expended abroad, he was a never-failing source of accurate information. Always his counsel pointed the true way toward the greater welfare of our own people,

the manner in which our own national security could best be achieved.

Upon his counsel, many of us—perhaps it might be said, all of us—who did not at all times agree with the foreign policy of previous administrations, relied without question.

Nor was his help limited to matters legislative. Always in the contacts which we had with him was a personal element dominated by charity and by friendliness.

Those of us who remain, whether the time be short or long, will not forget the services which he rendered, not only to our country but to each of us.

Mr. MACK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, LAWRENCE SMITH is dead. Never again will his sincere, honest, and courageous voice be heard in this Chamber, pleading for the things in which he believed and the principles for which he stood.

While his voice, one of the most courageous in all the Congress, no longer will be heard, the example of his diligence, integrity, and fearlessness will live on here as an inspiration to all of us who remain and to new Congressmen who come in future years to carry on the great work of this Congress of freemen.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a man of great ability and unmatched courage who lived every minute of every day for the welfare of the country he loved and the people he served so faithfully and well. His district, his State, his Nation, and this Congress, of which he was for 17 years a Member, all are better because of his life and his deeds. He was admired by all who knew him for his courage and integrity, and loved for the warmth and kindness of his personality.

Mrs. Mack joins me in extending sympathy to his widow, Eleanor, and his family in their great loss.

Mr. REES of Kansas. The House of Representatives and the people of this country have suffered an irreparable loss in the passing of our good friend, LAWRENCE SMITH.

I have known LAWRENCE SMITH rather intimately since he first came to the House of Representatives. He was one of

the outstanding legislators in the United States Congress. He was a real student with respect to legislation upon which he was expected to pass his judgment. Although many times he was in the minority, he did not waiver nor give excuses for his position on legislative matters. He always voted in the best interest of his country as he saw it. Sometimes he was in the minority, sometimes in the majority, but, in any event, his statesmanship rose above political interests.

LARRY SMITH was a kind of man who held no ill feeling against anyone. He believed that every Member of the House was entitled to his own opinion. He also felt the best interests of America were at stake. LAWRENCE SMITH was industrious. He was sincere. He was diligent. He was capable. He was devoted to his task. He was devoted to his country, and above all, he was devoted to his family. He was a real Christian. He lived life to the full. A heart weakness had menaced him for years; he ordered his life by its dictates—but still went his calm, cheer-spreading way. In the end it struck him down, but he was ready for the blow—gallant in bearing, with no regrets, no fears—his unfaltering spirit sustained by this reflection:

I know the night is drawing nigh,
The clouds hang low o'er hill and bay;
The autumn leaves are dewless dry—
But I have had my day.

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, Congressman LAWRENCE SMITH was one of the greatest Americans and finest gentlemen who ever served in this House.

His tragic passing in the prime of life has left us stunned and deeply grieved.

Like the brave soldier he was, Doc SMITH died at his post of duty. His passing was like the falling of a great oak in the forest resounding throughout the stricken Capitol, his district and State and throughout the Nation.

It was the poet Goethe who said "Courage is the greatest quality of the human heart; without it thou wert better never born."

The Nation needs more leaders today with the courage of Congressman SMITH. It is said of him that he was a man of strong convictions and that is true. He was also a man of infinite trust in God and unswerving devotion to his beloved country. He fought with unceasing vigor even at the expense of his health for the political principles, moral ideals and spiritual truths he so tenaciously embraced, and he lived to see many of his prophecies and fears come to pass in the shape of developments in the international scene.

Doc SMITH was beloved, respected and admired for his character, integrity, ability and Americanism by every Member of this illustrious House. He had a limitless capacity for making friends and inspiring the faith and confidence of his people. His sincerity of purpose, friendliness of nature, and gentility of soul—his profound faith, fairness and amiable human traits compelled deep respect and enduring affection.

By his untimely passing into that land from whose bourne no traveler returns, Doc SMITH has left an irreplaceable void in this Chamber where he served so faithfully and with such outstanding distinction for many years. His achievements were many and great—his devotion to duty unsurpassed—his love of his country and his fellow man never to be exceeded. His noble fellowship will long inspire us to greater devotion and effort.

The great New England poet, Longfellow, put it well:

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime
And departing leave behind us
Footsteps on the sands of time.
Footsteps that perhaps another
Traveling o'er life's weary main
Some forlorn and shipwrecked brother
Seeing shall take heart again.

In the life, philosophy and unselfish service of LAWRENCE SMITH we can all "take heart" in the tasks which face us. His memory will be hallowed here. And his high idealism and patriotism, his love of God and country and his fellow man will long remain to inspire us.

To his bereaved, loving wife and devoted family, I join in extending most heartfelt sympathy. May they find in their unfaltering faith the blessings and consolations that the Heavenly Father alone can bestow, and may they be strengthened to bear the irreparable loss which they have sustained by the thoughts of a loving soul who gave unselfishly and courageously of himself to the very end.

May the soul of our dear, beloved friend, LAWRENCE SMITH, rest in eternal peace.

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret the passing of our friend and colleague, LARRY SMITH of Wisconsin. I want to join those who have spoken in tribute to his memory.

An attorney, a veteran of World War I, and a Member of this House for 17 years, he was a devoted public servant and true friend.

He gave of himself without stint in the service of his district and the Nation.

He won widespread respect and affection among his colleagues.

The eloquent words which have been spoken here this morning since his sudden death in the Capitol bear witness to his high character, his fine ability, his devotion to duty, and his capacity for friendship.

I have valued his friendship ever since he came to the Congress. I shall miss him greatly.

My deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, to his family, and all those close to him.

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, there was no more conscientious or faithful servant in the House of Representa-

tives than LARRY SMITH. He was constantly at work for the interests of his constituents and he was extraordinarily honest in the fulfillment of his convictions. Time and again he stood up in the Hall of Congress defending what he believed to be right and for the best interests of our country, and it made no difference to him whether the cause he was pleading was a popular one or not. What mattered to Congressman SMITH was whether he thought it was right and honest. With such a character, there can be no wonder at the admiration and the friendliness of all who came in contact with him.

He was indeed a gentle man, never harsh in his judgments, always respecting the feelings of others and forever willing to lend a helping hand. In the later years when his health was not too good, he never let up in his work but assumed the responsibilities of his office with a courage that brought inspiration and hope to his many friends. The House of Representatives has lost an outstanding Member, and those who were counted among his friends have been glorified by his friendship and their faith has been strengthened by the example of his life.

I extend my most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to his widow and family and may they be comforted in the knowledge of the affection in which he was held.

He never turned his back but marched breast forward,
Never doubted clouds would break,
Never dreamed though right were worsted wrong would triumph,
Held we fall to rise
Our battles to fight better,
Sleep to wake.

Mr. McGREGOR. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in their eulogy of Congressman LAWRENCE H. SMITH. "LARRY," as he was affectionately known to us, was one of those rare individuals who was always willing to express his views, even though they differed from those of others. He was a martyr to that which he believed and he had many,

many Members of Congress who would join with him in his beliefs. The records show that he was highly respected by the membership, and he, with his lovely and gracious wife, Eleanor, will go down in the records of the Congress as individuals who represented a hard working team in their district.

Words fail me when I attempt to express my sincere sympathy to Eleanor and the family. Our prayers and best wishes will be with them always.

Mr. BECKER. Mr. Speaker, I am filled with sorrow at the suddenness of the death of my very close friend, LARRY SMITH.

Many things can be said of him. However, I merely express the thought that he was a great American, a great legislator, and a man of convictions in the preservation of his country.

Mrs. Becker joins with me in expressing our deepest sympathy to his good wife, Eleanor, and his family. Our prayers will be with them at this time.

Mr. FISHER. Mr. Speaker, I entertained the highest respect and admiration for LAWRENCE SMITH. I counted him as a friend. He was an understanding, sympathetic, big-hearted type of person. And, as every last one of his colleagues in this House knows, he was a man of the highest honor who always put the country's welfare ahead of partisan or selfish considerations. Who among us can say as much?

This fallen statesman was in the fullest measure just what he pretended to be. As Socrates put it:

> The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be; all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice and experience of them.

I share with my colleagues a deep feeling of loss in the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH. The entire Nation is the loser. And I extend to the surviving family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join my colleagues from Wisconsin and other Members of the House in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory, life, and service of our esteemed colleague and friend, the Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH, of Wisconsin.

As others have indicated he was one of the most respected Members of the House and his absence in this body will be sorely felt. Wisconsin and the Nation have lost a deeply consecrated public official.

In a very personal way I should like to say that LAWRENCE SMITH assisted me very materially in the passage of a piece of legislation in my early years of service in the Congress and his friendship in this matter to me, a freshman Member, created a tie which I have greatly valued ever since.

He served with devotion and distinction as a member of the great Committee on Foreign Affairs where he carved a record which will long endure. The most enduring monuments are those erected by devoted service to the Republic.

I wish to extend an expression of my sympathy to the members of the family.

Mr. SCUDDER. Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock to the many, many personal friends to learn of the sudden passing this noon of my very close friend, LARRY SMITH, the ranking Member of the Wisconsin delegation.

From his early youth, he was devoted to the cause of the general welfare and better livelihood of his fellow man. His service to his country began in the United States Army during the First World War and he did not forget his comrades-in-arms but continued his interest in various positions of leadership in the American Legion.

LARRY SMITH believed in the principles of our Founding Fathers. He was a stanch supporter of the American way of life. He was unshakeable in his convictions and even those who may have opposed his strong viewpoints respected his honesty and integrity in arriving at a conclusion. This

world and this Congress needs more men of the type of LARRY SMITH.

His family has lost a loving and considerate husband and father. His friends will find it hard to fill the void that his counsel and fortitude have left and his constituents, whom he represented so faithfully and so loyally in the Halls of Congress, have lost a champion of their rights.

I want to extend to his beloved wife, Eleanor, and his children Mrs. Scudder's and my deepest and heartfelt sympathy. We share in their loss and we fully realize that mere words cannot make up for it. May it be a comfort to them to know that our prayers are with them.

Mr. DORN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, LAWRENCE SMITH was one of the outstanding Americans of our time. He was a courageous, loyal, forthright, and enthusiastic American. He could stand alone. Propaganda and conformity had no effect on LAWRENCE SMITH. He dedicated his life to the principles of Americanism that made this country the greatest Nation in the history of the world. He believed in every letter of the Constitution and in preserving it as written.

Congressman SMITH did not believe that friendship could be bought, nor national wealth acquired by spending and waste. He was a bitter foe of totalitarianism and centralization of our own Government. He believed in individual liberty and had confidence in the people's ability to govern themselves at the local and State level. His forthright foreign policy is day by day being proven the policy that this Nation should have followed. We go from one crisis into a more deepening crisis with this same old foreign policy of spending.

I entertain the hope that this Congress will yet adopt Representative SMITH'S foreign policy which, I believe, is the only sure way to preserve this Republic and its basic, fundamental liberties.

He was sincere, kindly, and every inch a gentleman. He was my warm personal friend and I am going to miss him every day that I serve in this Congress. In all of his courageous fight, he has had the help of one of the finest ladies that it has ever been my privilege to know—Mrs. Lawrence Smith. Mrs. Dorn joins me in extending to her and her fine family our deepest sympathy.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, I, too, am grieved by the death of our beloved colleague, LAWRENCE SMITH, of Wisconsin. He came to the House a very short time after I first was elected a Member of Congress and I have known him intimately through the years. His service to the Nation was outstanding. He distinguished himself by his capable, studious, and able approach to the many momentous problems which confronted us during his service here. At no time did LARRY SMITH fail to stand on his own two feet and by so doing he gained the admiration and respect of each of us.

It is a sad thing to note the passing of a good friend. As I look back over our service together I am further saddened by the realization that his important voice in legislation is now stilled forever.

I extend to his wife and family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. DAVIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened when I learned of the death in the United States Capitol Building of Congressman LAWRENCE SMITH.

During the 11 years I have served as a Member of the House of Representatives I have had the privilege of becoming acquainted with many outstanding people from every section of our country. Of those with whom I have served here, LARRY SMITH was one whom I regarded as really an outstanding Member. He was able. He had the capacity to get to the bottom of an issue and determine the facts. He could distinguish the true from the false. He could determine whether a proposition was meritorious or frivolous.

He was courageous. He did not trim his sails to meet every passing breeze. Once he had determined what was right and just, he had the courage to support his beliefs and convictions with all the energy and force at his command. He was kind and gentle by nature, a warm-hearted and loyal friend.

He loved America and its institutions. He believed in constitutional government, and abhorred sham and make-believe.

I regarded LARRY SMITH as one of the truly great Americans of our time. He will be greatly missed not only in his circle of friends and acquaintances, and not only by his family and his constituents in the home district. He will be missed by all those who believe in constitutional government and Americanism. Our country is greater and stronger because of his efforts. It will be difficult indeed to replace him.

I extend deepest sympathy to his wife and family in this time of bereavement.

Mr. KRUEGER. Mr. Speaker, the seriousness of the times in which we live has placed on the Members of this Congress grave responsibilities for decisions which will shape the course of history. Let no one doubt the sincerity with which the tasks confronting us are met.

This concern has taken from this Chamber another colleague in a session already marked by the loss of several others.

I was lunching with a group from my State of North Dakota when LARRY SMITH of Wisconsin approached. I called to him, to introduce him to those with whom I was lunching. Even before his friendly smile could form in greeting, he pitched forward across the table, stricken with the attack which claimed his life.

Mr. Speaker, I need not express the shock I felt in that moment. The loss of Congressman SMITH has been well-expressed by his colleagues from Wisconsin, and by other

Members of this House. It is a personal loss which I feel very deeply, Mr. Speaker, for I had learned to love and respect LAWRENCE SMITH. Each Member must feel that loss, as will the country he served so well. To Mrs. Smith, and to their children, my deepest sympathies are extended.

Mr. KEARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked over the passing of one of our most outstanding colleagues in the person of LAWRENCE SMITH, chairman of the Wisconsin congressional delegation.

It was my good fortune to have known LARRY intimately since I first became a Member of the House of Representatives. He served his country in World War I and upon his return from the service he became affiliated with the American Legion and later served as State commander of the Department of Wisconsin.

He was a man dedicated to his work as a Member of the House of Representatives. He was a true American and always fought for those things he believed in.

The House has lost a fine colleague and I have lost a good friend. To Mrs. Smith and to his family I extend my deepest sympathy in their great loss.

Mr. HARRISON of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the unexpected passing of our colleague, Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin, was a particular shock to me, because it had been my privilege to serve with him on the Committee on Foreign Affairs in the 83d Congress.

I had the pleasant and rewarding experience of working closely with him on a subcommittee which enjoyed his distinguished and fairminded chairmanship. In this study of the scope and effectiveness of the mutual assistance programs of the United States, LARRY SMITH brought to his work a keen and methodical mind and an unassailable intellectual integrity.

It was characteristic of our late colleague to be considerate and gentle with others and respectful of viewpoints which

might conflict with his own. He was stern, however, in judging himself and, in doing so, epitomized the true public servant. In his constant effort to find the truth, and to act in legislative matters on the basis of a studious appraisal of their relationship to the public good, he never spared himself. LARRY SMITH did not shape his convictions on public issues impulsively or to fit a pattern of political action drawn up for him by someone else.

In the high standards of conduct in public life which he set for himself, our friend from Wisconsin provided a worthy example for us all. Ever mindful of the dignity of this House and his responsibilities to the citizens who sent him here to guard their interest, he served with distinction his country, his State, and the district he so honorably represented.

My deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and children in this bereavement, a loss profoundly felt by all who knew and respected him.

Mr. MCMILLAN. Mr. Speaker, we were all saddened and shocked to learn of the sudden passing of LAWRENCE H. SMITH who served so well and conscientiously for a number of years for the great State of Wisconsin. I had the privilege and pleasure of talking to Congressman SMITH almost daily since his office was located near my office in the Old House Office Building. Congressman SMITH always seemed to be in good spirits, and I thought he had completely recovered from the heart attack he suffered some time ago.

I am certain that there is not a Member of the United States Congress who worked longer hours than Congressman SMITH. He was one of the finest men that I have had the pleasure and privilege of knowing since I have been a Member of this great body. He was an American first and never made any compromise with a principle. He voted his convictions at all times and could give you a good reason as to why and how he cast his vote without being disagreeable.

I do not believe that he had an enemy on the floor of the House, and I cannot imagine his having one in his great State which he so ably represented.

I certainly feel much richer for having the privilege of knowing Mr. SMITH, and he has left a great example for all of us to follow. I know that he was a great believer in the Constitution of the United States, and he believed in this great document as it was written and not as it has been interpreted by certain people. The State of Wisconsin and the Nation as a whole have lost one of their most valuable citizens in the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH.

I extend my sincere sympathy to his lovely wife and family. We shall all greatly miss Mr. SMITH not only as a Congressman but as a friend.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, Wednesday the flag above the United States Capitol flew at half staff. A most distinguished Member of the House of Representatives, LAWRENCE HENRY SMITH, had died.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a statesman who had dedicated himself to his country. He was a gentleman of strong convictions and great integrity and, having possessed these qualities, he became an outstanding leader of the House.

He was a kindly man, devoted to his fellow man. He was a loving husband and father who was adored by his family.

This country, in whose service LAWRENCE SMITH actually died, will sorely miss the contribution he could have continued to make in his country's behalf had God seen fit to spare him longer.

One of the first people I met when I came to Congress was "LAURIE" SMITH. He advised me with respect to many, many matters.

He and his charming wife, Eleanor, several times visited at our home in Troy.

I deeply regret the passing of this friend whom I admired so much and I deeply grieve for his wife and family whose loss is irreparable.

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, this body has been in a state of shock ever since we learned of the sudden passing of our great and good friend LARRY SMITH. The high regard in which he was held by the entire membership without regard to party affiliation is a tribute not only to his integrity but also to the unvarying sweetness of his temperament and his unfailing cheerfulness even in the face of the most depressing reverses.

In the eulogies given in his memory on this floor I have detected a degree of sadness and a sense of personal loss which has not been noticed on previous occasions when we have paused to mark the passing of a departed brother. And on the faces of those who did not speak there was the mark of deep sadness that always comes when we see a great public servant like this good friend move on to that great convocation of those who have loved and served the Lord.

LARRY SMITH'S life was one of dedication, starting with honorable service in World War I, a term as State commander of the American Legion, and then a year of high pride and satisfaction as he stood on the sidelines while his gracious wife filled the high office of National President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Yes; LARRY SMITH'S life was marked by many milestones of service; but we, his friends and colleagues, will remember him for his courtesy, and I shall remember that only a day ago he dropped his hand on my shoulder as he passed me and said: "It's a good day, Paul." May the Great Comforter console the loved ones who are left to mourn, and may He grant his soul eternal peace.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that we record the passing of one of our patriotic, conscientious, and hard working Congressmen, LAWRENCE H. SMITH, of the First District of Wisconsin.

Congressman SMITH came into the 77th Congress a few months after I became a Member. We were personal friends. We pay tribute to a great Congressman. This was a great

loss not only to the First District of Wisconsin, but also to this House and our Nation.

LARRY, as his friends all called him, was a serious, studious, devoted and dedicated Congressman. His work came first and was taken seriously. He gave his very best, never sparing himself and undoubtedly his intense concentration on his work certainly hastened his early departure.

I join with the many Congressmen here today in expressing our sympathy to his wife and family and assure them that we shall miss him greatly.

Congressman SMITH was a real student of foreign affairs and on this committee he devoted his energy and carried out with great effort the ideas and the program which he felt was proper for this Nation to support. He had the admiration, the respect and love of the Members of this House regardless of political affiliation. While many disagreed with him, all of them admired Congressman SMITH and commended him for his zeal and his purpose.

We shall miss him but he shall not be forgotten.

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, it is most difficult to realize that LAWRENCE SMITH is not among us but has moved on to a greater reward. His distinguished service to community, State, and Nation—yes; even beyond—to all free peoples of the world is written in the pages of the proceedings of the Congress and the history of his home State of Wisconsin.

His warm friendship made easier the work of his colleagues and associates, and firmly places his memory in the recesses of our heart.

His lovely wife, Eleanor, was always at his side. Her leadership in women's organizations and her interest always complemented LAWRENCE'S work.

Mrs. McIntire joins me in extending to Eleanor and the family our deepest sympathy.

Mr. McDONOUGH. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and unexpected passing of Congressman LAWRENCE SMITH was a great shock to all of us.

We were all happy to hear of his recent recovery from a serious illness and hoped that he would be with us in full vigor and health, but destiny had other plans and now he has gone.

I knew and admired LARRY SMITH ever since I came to Congress. He was a man of great and firm convictions and with the courage to express and stand by them.

I enjoyed his sincere friendliness. He was always helpful and willing to give of his time and talents on any subject he was interested in.

LARRY SMITH was a great American and spent most of his time and energy in defending and protecting this Nation against its enemies.

His services in the House of Representatives will be difficult to replace.

I join with my colleagues in expressing my sympathy and condolences to his wife and family.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of our beloved, colleague, the Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH, of Wisconsin, deeply shocked and saddened me.

LARRY SMITH was a scholarly hard-working gentleman who won the esteem, respect, and affection of all who came to know him. He served with distinction on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and while I often disagreed with him on foreign affairs I learned to respect his views.

The House of Representatives has lost an outstanding Member who served his district, State, and country with great devotion to duty. I have lost a good friend. To his devoted wife and children, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. HAYS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, as so well pointed out by those who have spoken, LARRY SMITH'S passing brought grief and a sense of great loss to us. His profoundly religious spirit was expresed in many ways, in his devotion to what he believed to be right, in the gentle way in which he expressed his own point of view without offense to those who

differed with him, in the disciplined way of life which characterized his career, and in his uncomplaining manner of accepting a long illness. He seemed to be living by the sentiment expressed by Whittier:

I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

I shall miss him in the meetings of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in the unofficial conferences on problems of underprivileged people which we were accustomed to attend, and in the Sunday morning services of Calvary Baptist Church which was his Washington church home.

Mr. O'KONSKI. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution—House Resolution 450.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. LAWRENCE H. SMITH, a Representative from the State of Wisconsin.

Resolved, That a committee of 11 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee Mr. O'Konski, Mr. Byrnes of Wisconsin, Mr. Withrow, Mr. Zablocki, Mr. Van Pelt, Mr. Laird, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Reuss, Mr. Tewes, Mr. Gordon and Mrs. Church.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 23, 1958, pursuant to its previous order, at 11 o'clock a. m.

THURSDAY, *January 23, 1958.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Isaiah 26:3: *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee."*

O Thou whose name is love and in whom we find that perfect love, which casteth out all fear, help us to meet our daily duties and difficulties with faith and fortitude.

Grant that in these strange and strenuous days we may never lose heart or hope.

Humbly we confess that we are frequently more conscious of our problems and perplexities than we are of Thy gracious providence and Thy peace which passeth all understanding.

We thank Thee for Thy servant, one of our colleagues, who now dwells with Thee in eternal blessedness. Give unto his bereaved family the consolations of Thy grace.

Thou didst not lose him in giving him to us. So we have not lost him by his return to Thee, for what is Thine is ours always.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was in the House restaurant when the angel of death hovered over the restaurant and God took the soul of our late colleague, LAWRENCE SMITH, to be with Him. It was a wonderful way for LAWRENCE SMITH to go. He died in the service

of his Government. He served his country in peace just as he served so gallantly in the war with all that he had of his love and his devotion. It is terribly hard for his family to spare him and for us here in the House to spare him. Here we knew him and loved him. I had many talks with him on matters of mutual interest. I had the privilege of serving on the Committee on Foreign Affairs with him for a while. I always admired his courage. We did not always agree, but he always had the greatest possible faith that he was right and was so gentle with others in their right to their views. He had faith in God and faith in America and faith in the things that he fought for and stood for in this Congress. If he had stood alone in every measure, he would still have voted as he thought right no matter how many were against him. My deepest sympathy goes to his beautiful wife who was one with him and to his splendid son and daughters and relatives. He and his wife were constantly together in veterans' affairs and in every other great work. The last time I saw them both together, we spoke of his son, the son who was so very badly injured in the World War and who gave so much for us. All three worked constantly for the veterans. It was always: "What can we do for those who have suffered and for those who have given so much and those who have paid such a tremendous price?" My sympathy goes to the Members of Congress from Wisconsin and to all of the people of Wisconsin who have lost such a great statesman, a great hero, and a great man. My heart aches for all of us here in the House who will miss his wise counsel and his tremendous kindness. Mr. Speaker, let the tremendous amount of work that he did and the sacrifices that he made serve as a warning to those Members of the Congress who are working too hard today under such terrific pressures and anxieties. Let it be a warning to them not to overdo because it can happen to us. I am going in a few moments to see all that is earthly that is left of him before his wife

and colleagues take him back to Wisconsin for burial. His spirit will live on. His kindnesses and his words and thoughts and deeds will be a benediction to us always.

MONDAY, *January 27, 1958.*

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 244

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. LAWRENCE H. SMITH, late a Representative from the State of Wisconsin.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until Monday next.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, again it becomes my very painful duty to record the passing, on Wednesday last, January 22, of yet another of our colleagues, the fourth already to leave us during the brief days of this session.

LAWRENCE HENRY SMITH, who represented the First District of his native State, Wisconsin, was born in Racine on September 15, 1892. Educated in the public schools of that city, he was graduated from the State Teachers College at Milwaukee; obtained his degree from the Marquette University Law School in 1923, and was admitted to the Wisconsin bar the same year. Meanwhile, during World War I he served as first lieutenant of Infantry in the 32d Division, and in the years following the war served as commander in the

Wisconsin Department of the American Legion; national executive committeeman of the Legion, and national child welfare chairman of that body.

After the war and his admission to the bar, he commenced the practice of law in Racine. His eventual election as president of the Racine Bar Association testifies to the esteem in which he came to be held by the members of his profession. But he did not confine himself to professional duties alone. As a director of the YMCA, president of the Lions Club, and a Mason, he displayed that broad and philanthropic interest in the life of the community which we look for in the highest type of citizen.

The time came at last to make his entrance on the national scene when he was chosen at a special election, held in August 1941, as Representative of the 1st Wisconsin District in the 77th Congress. From then on until the end he served in our midst, becoming eventually a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. A firm opponent of governmental extension into domestic and overseas fields which he deemed foreign alike to our national traditions and our constitutional system, he won the respect of all no less for his consistency than for his inflexible honesty in defense of principles which were, to him, sacred and immutable. To his widow and the three children he left behind him, this House will join with me, I know, in extending our profound and heartfelt sympathy.

Long ago Theodore Roosevelt wrote:

> Clean politics is simply one form of applied good citizenship. No man can be a really good citizen unless he takes a lively interest in politics from a high standpoint.

Mr. Speaker, to my mind, LAWRENCE H. SMITH nobly exemplified that ideal held up by a great leader of his party. Let that be his epitaph as we bid him farewell.

To his loved ones left behind I extend my profound sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

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THURSDAY, *January 23, 1958.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH, late a Representative from the State of Wisconsin, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate a resolution coming from the House of Representatives, which was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. LAWRENCE H. SMITH, a Representative from the State of Wisconsin.

Resolved, That a committee of 11 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. WILEY. Mr. President, I was saddened to learn of the passing of my friend, LAWRENCE HENRY SMITH, a Representative in Congress from my State.

I first became acquainted with LAWRENCE back in the early 1930's, when we were together in service group work. LARRY was one of those fine, clean, Christian characters who live to the full the light they possess.

LARRY was born in Racine, Wis., in September 1892. He obtained his education in the public schools of Racine and

at the Milwaukee University School. Later he took additional courses, for 2 years, in the Milwaukee State Teachers College, and then enrolled in Marquette University, graduating from its law school in June 1923.

After he graduated from law school, he opened a law office in his hometown of Racine, where he continued the practice of law until he came to the House of Representatives, in 1941, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Representative Bolles.

During World War I he served in Europe in the infantry of the 32d Division, as a first lieutenant. I had a brother who was a captain in that division.

In 1938 and 1939 he was Commander of the American Legion Department of Wisconsin.

He was president of the Racine County Bar Association. Since the special election in 1941, he has been reelected in every election since that time. When he passed away, he was a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

He was a hard worker. He was a man of character, forthright and sincere. With those qualities, of course, he had a multitude of friends. That was indicated by the fact that the people of his district reelected him back to the House of Representatives time and time again.

Surviving him are his wife, Eleanor, and three children. By his family, friends, and associates, indeed by all who knew him, he will be sorely missed.

I join with all who knew him in expressing to Eleanor, whom I also knew throughout the years, and to his fine family, my heartfelt sympathy at his passing.

Mr. President, I now desire to yield to my colleague, the distinguished junior Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. Proxmire] who wishes to speak concerning the death of Representative SMITH.

Mr. PROXMIRE. Mr. President, I join with my colleague, the distinguished senior Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. Wi-

ley], in expressing my deep sympathy to the family and associates of the late Representative LAWRENCE SMITH. Although I knew him but briefly, and we were of opposite political faiths, LAWRENCE SMITH's long career, not only as a Member of Congress since 1941 but in public life for many years before that, always set a high standard of integrity and devotion to duty. The people of his congressional district, who chose him nine times to represent them, will note his passing with sorrow, as will his colleagues here who knew and respected LAWRENCE SMITH for his conscientious attention to the business of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and of the House. Wisconsin and the Nation have lost an able public servant.

Mr. WILEY. Mr. President, I desire now to yield to the distinguished junior Senator from New York.

Mr. JAVITS. Mr. President, for 8 years I sat next to Representative LAWRENCE SMITH on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. I learned to know him exceedingly well through working with him very closely.

Although his views on foreign policy differed from mine in many respects, few members of the committee held views more sincerely than did LAWRENCE SMITH. No one appreciated more keenly than I his patriotism and the lofty moral tone of everything he did and said in the House.

I join with my colleagues in the Senate and with my colleagues in the other body in extending my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to his wife.

LAWRENCE SMITH was a gentleman of the finest strain which our country is capable of producing. His memory will, for me, be ever fresh.

Mr. WILEY. Mr. President, I submit a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The resolution (S. Res. 244) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. LAWRENCE H. SMITH, late a Representative from the State of Wisconsin.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate, at the conclusion of its business today, adjourn until Monday next.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the second resolving clause, the Chair appoints, as the committee to attend the funeral of the late Representative, the senior Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. Wiley], and the junior Senator from Wisconsin [Mr. Proxmire].

Pursuant to the fourth resolving clause of the resolution, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the Senate (at 6 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m.) adjourned until Monday, January 27, 1958, at 12 o'clock meridian.

Memorial Tributes
to
Lawrence H. Smith

Memorial Tributes

Remarks by Representative Wier

Of Minnesota

Mr. WIER. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following excerpt from Joseph McCaffrey's Today in Congress, January 22, WMAL–Radio:

Congressman LAWRENCE SMITH, Wisconsin Republican, died today in the House restaurant after a heart attack. SMITH, who had served in Congress since August of 1941 had suffered a serious heart attack more than 2 years ago, but had recovered enough to return to his congressional duties full time.

There have been many tributes paid to LARRY SMITH, both here in Washington and in his home State of Wisconsin.

As a reporter who had known him for 15 years, I'd like to say that he was one of the nicest men to ever serve in Congress. He was, without a doubt, the most isolationist member in the House, yet he was so articulate at presenting his position, both on the floor and in committee, that he was respected and liked even by those whose views were exactly the opposite.

No man made a better presentation on the floor of the House for what was once known as the Midwest position than LAWRENCE SMITH. And he did it with such a lack of bitterness, with such an honesty that he never lost a friend; and perhaps no man ever left Congress with as many friends and admirers as the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Later, on his television broadcast at 11 p. m. on channel 7, Mr. McCaffrey paid this further tribute to LAWRENCE SMITH:

One of the most popular, best liked men in Congress, died today, Wisconsin's LAWRENCE SMITH.

SMITH, a Republican, was the most articulate exponent of the isolationist philosophy in foreign affairs. Year after year, he went into the well of the House to voice his position, and although

it was an extreme one, he never lost a friend. He never lost a friend because he spoke for his ideas with sincerity, honesty—completely devoid of bitterness and personal invective. There will be a special election for his House seat in the next few months. He will be replaced as a Member of Congress, but LARRY SMITH will never be replaced among the thousands who knew him over the years.

Remarks by Representative Van Pelt

Of Wisconsin

Mr. VAN PELT. Mr. Speaker, I ask permission at this time to insert in the Congressional Record excerpts from two editorials published in newspapers in my congressional district, eulogizing the late Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH of the First District of Wisconsin.

The editorials follow:

[From the Oshkosh (Wis.) Daily Northwestern of January 23, 1958]

DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE SMITH MEANS LARGE LOSS TO STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY

The sudden collapse, in Washington, of Representative LAWRENCE H. SMITH of Racine, due to a heart attack, brought to an untimely end the brilliant career of a hard-working public official whose ability, experience and personality made him a highly useful and influential Member of Congress.

As a leader in Wisconsin politics and as a lawmaker in Washington he distinguished himself for integrity and sound judgment in serving the interest of his congressional district, the First. This consists of Green, Kenosha, Racine, Rock and Walworth Counties, all located in the southeastern area of the State. And he was always active in giving the State as a whole the benefit of his talents and ideals along legislative lines. His age was 65.

Representative SMITH had a background of thorough educational preparation in the Racine public schools and in college and university training, the latter including graduation from the Marquette University law school in 1923. Since that time he had practiced law in his birthplace, Racine.

He served in World War I and had been Wisconsin department commander of the American Legion in 1938 and 1939. Also he had headed the Racine County Bar Association as president. Community affairs, too, had keen interest for him and he gave much time and attention to them. His first election to Congress was in 1941.

Representative SMITH was an active fighter for economy in Federal Government. As a member of House Foreign Affairs Committee, he concentrated efforts on holding down foreign-aid spending.

[From the Sheboygan (Wis.) Press of January 23, 1958]

REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

Representative LAWRENCE SMITH, of Racine, who died suddenly Wednesday, was one of the most conservative of the conservative Republicans.

As a result, we were in frequent disagreement with Representative SMITH. But these differences of opinion did not prevent us from recognizing his exceptional qualities as a lawmaker and his sincere effort to serve the people of the First Wisconsin District and the State as a whole. He was a constant booster for the State, particularly Wisconsin's dairy industry. Furthermore, he was a gentleman in the full sense of the word.

The fact that he was reelected repeatedly since he was first elected to the House in 1941, shows the high respect in which he was held by the voters in the First District.

Representative SMITH was the fourth Member of Congress to die since the new session began January 7. These deaths are further evidence of the heavy burdens confronting all Members of Congress. Their work never ceases, even when Congress is not in session.

The death of Representative SMITH has deprived this State of an exceptionally able public servant.

Mr. VAN PELT. Mr. Speaker, our late colleague LAWRENCE SMITH is gone but he will long be remembered and sadly missed by his friends and admirers. Under leave to extend my remarks I wish to offer for insertion in the Congressional Record two editorials by George Todt, which were published in recent issues of the California Valley Times:

CONGRESSMAN'S DEATH HEAVY LOSS

(By George Todt)

"So how can men die better
Than facing fearful odds—
For the ashes of their fathers
And the temples of their gods?"
—*Macaulay, Horatius at the Bridge.*

LAWRENCE H. SMITH

One of America's finest and most patriotic Congressmen has been called to duty above and beyond Capitol Hill in Washington—and our country will suffer a grave loss at his passing from the national scene.

Representative LAWRENCE H. SMITH, Republican of Wisconsin, was the most conservative member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, in all probability, but at the same time he was always down-to-earth and reasonable in his stands. He was lucid and intelligent when detailing his position in foreign affairs and it was invariably hard to quarrel with his thinking: he know how to zero in on the target, and did. His special targets were liberalissimo and globalissimo.

His effectiveness in deflating global do-gooders' plans to squander the American taxpayers' hard-pressed dollars in profligate spending among Socialist governments abroad did little to endear him to New Dealish thinkers in either political party. But the conservative, patriotic pro-American forces among Democrats and Republicans alike hailed the integrity and sincerity of the man throughout the Nation. He will be greatly mourned.

Writing in the Valley Times on June 17 last year, I indicated my regard for Mr. SMITH in the following terms:

"Those who look at the Congressional Record on a day-to-day basis often feel that they get to know some of the more outstanding Members of Congress as they go along. One such man who has impressed me—perhaps inspired would be a better word for it—over the years has been Mr. SMITH of Wisconsin. This is one Mr. SMITH, in particular, who I am glad went to Washington. For he has consistently been a 100-percent American in his viewpoint in all that I have ever heard of his wise and thoughtful statements. I don't know anyone who has been more down-to-earth on the foreign policy of the United States than he. Or more sensible.

"Certainly, if I had any influence with the Republican Party in Wisconsin—which I don't—I know that I would say to the rank and file and powers that be: 'Send Mr. SMITH to Washington as Senator McCarthy's successor after your next special election. Our country needs his kind of man who is not afraid to speak out for what is best for America. * * * '."

I think Congressman SMITH might have won that senatorial race if he had been permitted to make it, but he knew he was ailing with his bad heart condition and this undoubtedly influenced him to remain on the sidelines. He would have made a great Senator.

In his correspondence with me, Congressman SMITH revealed his real reason for looking at profligate spending abroad with a jaun-

diced eye. It was his private belief that many of the international concerns who profit most from Government subsidies spent to send their goods abroad are the very ones who shout loudest for increased and continuing foreign aid on a mammoth scale. This because of selfish axes to grind, but which—according to Mr. SMITH—was simply robbing Peter to pay Paul. He seemed to think that a good many of the "dedicated" foreign-aid crowd were actually dedicated to profiteering as much as possible from the taxes wrung from their fellow citizens to send their goods abroad. Was he right or wrong?

BLOCKED COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY

(By George Todt)

"God's finger touched him, and he slept."—Tennyson, In Memoriam.

Death came to Congressman LAWRENCE H. SMITH, Republican, Wisconsin, suddenly in the Congressional Restaurant last week and in that moment America lost one of her most effective fighters against communism. Men of his intellectual stature cannot be replaced.

He had a world of intelligence, tenacity and commonsense. He saw quickly to the heart of the problem with which he concerned himself—and knew how to quickly communicate his thoughts to others in language any layman could understand.

This great Republican solon understood the menace to America provided by the criminal Communist international conspiracy as few of his contemporaries in Washington may have done. He was never blinded by the gilded promises made by the glib Reds and was never suckered into a trap play by the comrades. He knew the score only too well.

I hope that someday his writings may be collected and put into a book. Where can we find a political thinker in this generation who was more fundamentally American in his basic concepts than this Mr. SMITH who went to Washington?

We owe him a debt for stopping, almost single handed as it were, a wave of hysteria dreamed up by the Reds which—had it been consummated as planned—might have left us defenseless against the most godless tryranny ever imposed upon mankind on the face of this earth. We must remember that the cruel Red oligarchy in Russia has already slaughtered 60 million of their own people since assuming illegal power in that country 40 years ago. What mercy could we expect from such barbarians if they defeated us?

LAWRENCE H. SMITH

Wouldn't it be the height of folly to trust such murderous atheists—to whom an oath means nothing—with our security in any manner whatsoever? Why make a treaty with a liar who will break his word at the first opportunity which suits him? How soft can we become?

It was Congressman SMITH who tore the wraps off the Communist conspiracy last year as it cunningly used dupes and well-intentioned do-gooders alongside its proficient comrades in an abortive attempt to bring a quick halt to our hydrogen-bomb tests, as per the Moscow line. On June 4 he made a magnificent speech before Congress (see Congressional Record of that date, pp. 7427–7429) which outlined the facts of the case. They have never been refuted, to my knowledge by either the New York Times, Communist Peoples World, or the World Federalists' Saturday Review. This revealing address by SMITH ought to be "must" reading for every American.

"I say to my colleagues and to the world," said Mr. SMITH in his magnificent oration in the House of Representatives, "that the threat of atheist communism is a far greater threat to mankind than the disputed fears over radioactive fallout. Communism has permeated all of society. It is a vicious evil destroying nations, cultures, and peoples. Its radioactive propaganda has been poisoning the minds and hearts of men since the birth of its philosophy 109 years ago.

"Let us never, in a fit of folly, submit to the urgings of those who would have us disarm ourselves in the face of this stupendous threat. Let us not become victimized by nuclear neurosis and unwisely compromise away that which is saving us. Let us rather keep strong—strong in our defense, strong in our spirit, and strong in our fervent belief in God. If we do that, no one will be able to disarm us. No one will dare challenge us. And we will remain free."

Here was a man of courage and vision—and he will be sadly missed in the days ahead of us.

Remarks by Representative Byrnes

Of Wisconsin

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following editorial from the Wauwatosa News-Times of Thursday, January 30, with respect to the service of our late colleague, the Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH, of Wisconsin.

HE DIDN'T FEAR THE MOB

Racine, the hometown he loved, and Wisconsin, the State he served so well, said a sad farewell to LAWRENCE H. SMITH on Saturday afternoon. As one who knew him as my former Congressman, as my helpful associate in Washington, and as a long-time friend, this writer would apply the Shakespeare quotation: "He was a man, take him for all and all. I shall not look upon his like again."

If he had been a Democrat, LARRY SMITH never would have been a New Dealer. Since he was a Republican, he never was a modern Republican. For he held the supposedly anachronistic belief that old-fashioned republicanism is good policy today. He didn't care for any shading of the term, to him there was only one brand of republicanism, and he thought it wise to follow the time-tested tenets that the party espoused before it tried to out deal the New Deal.

He believed in America, in American free enterprise. He was a conservative; his opponents called him mossback. He loved his country and its ways; his opponents charged he was an isolationist. He thought his party would not have gone to defeat so many times if it had offered the voters a clear choice between conservatism and radicalism. Although many Republicans joined the "me too" chorus, his voice and vote remained steadfast for traditional Republican principles.

As a result, the political bosses of big unions, the starry-eyed editors of leftwing newspapers, the do-gooders, and the bleeding hearts turned all their efforts to sending Mr. SMITH back from Washington. Once these forces led by the CIO almost succeeded, but little Green County and rural Walworth County came through with the votes to keep him in Congress that year. After that,

effort to replace the Racine Congressman lost most of its zip. Even his foes grudgingly admired a man with sincere convictions and the courage to back those convictions.

For LARRY SMITH believed that a man should be able to operate his farm or his business relatively free from Government control. He felt that for his work a man was entitled to reasonable profit and the right to decide how his own money should be spent. LARRY SMITH believed that socialism and its Red brother, communism, are not compatible with Americanism. He believed in our country, its Constitution and our institutions, and he did not want to mortgage or impoverish them for the benefit of any other nation, clique, or system. LARRY SMITH was a former State commander of the American Legion, but neither a professional patriot nor a special pleader for the veteran. He felt a man's duty was to serve his country; he didn't believe it was his country's duty to sustain him. LARRY SMITH believed in partisan responsibility; he put no great store by nonpartisanship or bipartisanship. By some standards, his political philosophy was out of date.

But as his life comes to an end, and we all contemplate how the voters of the First Wisconsin District appreciated him and kept him in office, some Republican with less backbone should take renewed courage from the life and pattern of LAWRENCE H. SMITH, of Racine.

Remarks by Representative Bow

Of Ohio

Mr. BOW. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of LAWRENCE SMITH we have lost the statesman who better than anyone else could express the views of the great heartland of America. The United States would be in a far stronger position, a real leader in world affairs, if the policies advocated by LAWRENCE SMITH had been followed. We would be far stronger economically, as well.

During the past several years I have had the great benefit of his advice and support in efforts to modify the status-of-forces treaties. Having his support, I knew my position was correct. In this, as in everything else, LAWRENCE SMITH would have the United States of America act its rightful role as a sovereign Nation, and a powerful Nation, confident, forthright, and fair in its dealings with others.

America has suffered a staggering loss, far transcending the deep personal grief that all of us must feel.

Remarks by Representative Laird

Of Wisconsin

Mr. LAIRD. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I am including several newspaper editorials regarding the passing of the late Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH.

The editorials are as follows:

[From the Madison (Wis.) State Journal]

REPRESENTATIVE LAWRENCE H. SMITH

Wisconsin's First District has lost a fine Congressman in the death of LAWRENCE H. SMITH, Racine.

Nor is the loss confined to Representative SMITH's five-county district in southeastern Wisconsin. SMITH, a veteran member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, did not think it either old-fashioned or hardhearted to insist that America's interests be foremost in our dealings with other nations, nor that it was unreasonable to expect our allies to do their part for the free world's defense.

In his campaign pledges and his stands on national issues, Mr. SMITH was honest to the point of bluntness. He told the people in his district—a highly industrialized district, and with a large Democratic vote—exactly where he stood. Some of his election races were close, but he never was defeated in nine elections.

Representative SMITH had a heart attack in the summer of 1955, and no one would have blamed him for retiring then. But he chose to stay on, and at the time of his death was working as hard as ever.

The First District will have to search diligently this year to find a man in either party with the capacity for hard work and integrity to equal LARRY SMITH'S.

[From the Burlington (Wis.) Standard-Press]

OUR LOSS—NO GAIN

The First District of Wisconsin will long remember and regret the passing of Wisconsin's senior Representative, LAWRENCE SMITH. Flowers and kind words mean nothing after the man has passed

into the new world of peace, but in his case we must state a comment or two on this great American.

Congressman SMITH was an American first; in some cases we disagree with that philosophy, not because we feel it is detrimental, but because we feel it carries an outmoded connotation.

We may have disagreed with the man on occasion and we can remember letters and calls where he disliked some of our tastes, but we could never question his integrity and honesty.

He was one of the few who could be counted on in every issue, regardless. Many thought he harmed himself on many issues only to find him winning one election after another since 1941. His 17 years in Washington were a credit to Wisconsin and therefore to our district regardless of how you and I pick the issues.

This devoted slave to his district stood fast against foreign aid, was a firm believer in States rights, felt the South should be left alone in civil rights, thought unions were becoming too strong, thought Ike had as many faults as credits, thought Benson should be replaced as the agricultural boss, and thought America should be first, last, and always.

As this age marches on many of his ideas, many of his strong arguments may prove to his benefit. For, as we see it today, who knows what path this Nation is on?

But regardless, the constituents of the First District will long regard Mr. SMITH as a great man, a tough competitor, and a friend of those who sought his aid.

We will miss Congressman SMITH.

W. E. B.

[From the Racine (Wis.) Journal-Times]

THOUSANDS LOSE GOOD FRIEND

Few men who have been in public life could claim to have as many friends and as few enemies as LAWRENCE H. SMITH, whose sudden death shocked Racine Wednesday.

In his long career as an attorney, a leader in State veterans' activity and in Congress, Congressman SMITH naturally acquired a host of acquaintances. But those who knew him personally, as thousands did, genuinely liked him and, perhaps more important, felt that he personally liked them and was eager to serve them as their contact with the Government in Washington. He gave a special, personal meaning to the word "representative" for all his constituents, regardless of their partisan political affiliations.

Foreign affairs were the Congressman's special interest in his long service in the House of Representatives. Many in his district did not agree with much of his voting record on foreign policy questions.

But no one, even those opposed to Representative SMITH, ever doubted the absolute sincerity of the position he took, or the personal honesty of conviction that motivated that position. He cast his vote for what he believed to be right. Neither criticism nor defeat on issues moved him. Whether out of respect or a similar opinion, a majority of his constituents in Wisconsin's First Congressional District continued to return him to office for nearly 17 years.

That political record was not the result of demagoguery or of compromise. It was a testimonial to the personal respect and affection of the people of his district, from whom he was never any farther than the nearest telephone or the nearest mailbox.

Some may not say that LAWRENCE SMITH was a great statesman and legislator. But it will be said by countless persons that he was a true and kindly friend. In a day when government seems to draw farther away from people, that may be more important.

[From the Beloit (Wis.) Daily News]

REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

Representative LAWRENCE H. SMITH, who died unexpectedly in Washington, D. C., Wednesday, was one of the ablest and most conscientious Members of Congress.

His chief considerations were for the welfare of the Nation and the people he represented. He was devoted to principle. He was not afraid to speak his mind. He refused to compromise with expediency.

As classifications go, he was a conservative first, last and all the time. He opposed the New Deal. He was against "the spend and spend and tax and tax" theory. He was as much concerned over waste and extravagance when the Republicans were in power as when the Democrats were in control. His financial theories and beliefs were not popular in Washington, though they hit a responsive chord among his constituents who reelected him for eight consecutive terms after choosing him in August 1941, as successor to Stephen Bolles.

Representative SMITH as a young man served with the 32d Infantry Division in France in World War I. He became interested in veterans' affairs and worked his way through various offices to

become State commander of the American Legion. He carried this interest in veterans' affairs to Congress, devoting much study to measures to benefit the men and women who served their country in uniform.

His principal legislative work in the House was as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. This committee during his membership has carried the problems of war, rehabilitation following war, aid to friendly nations and the threats of Russia. Representative SMITH was an implacable foe of communism, repeatedly warning of the dangers it poses to the free world.

One characteristic that marked him was his friendliness. He wasn't a man in a hurry. He took time to answer letters written to him from back home. He took time to see constituents who called on him in Washington. One of the outstanding experiences Daily News marbles champions had for many years was luncheon with Representative SMITH in Washington when on their way to the national tournament.

The Daily News didn't always agree with Representative SMITH's position. But, it recognized his sincerity, the genuineness of his beliefs. He was serious in his approach to foreign and domestic problems. He studied them. His conclusions were in his opinion best for his constituents. He was at all times a gentleman. It will not be easy to find a Representative as well qualified to represent this district.

[From the Janesville (Wis.) Daily Gazette]

LAWRENCE H. SMITH

Since 1941 the First Congressional District of Wisconsin has been represented in the House by one of the most conservative, but respected men in Washington. LAWRENCE H. SMITH, of Racine, who died suddenly Wednesday, never spared himself in his service to Wisconsin, and the Nation. He was a stanch Republican and had continued party support.

His frequent election to offices of leadership in Racine was earned by conscientious devotion to causes he believed in. And he had the courage to stand by his convictions, whether on not they were popular.

Apparently he was a good campaigner for he was repeatedly reelected, Rock County giving him a plurality of almost 12,000 in 1956. Despite his open opposition to liberal causes, he had the respect of all types of voters, and the friendship of many.

In Washington he frequently spoke up to warn Congress and the Nation of the political conspiracy, meaning the Communist Party. He was active as a legionnaire, intensely patriotic, and greatly concerned about the dangers of Communist power.

His influence was felt as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee in which he often opposed foreign aid. Representative Walter Judd, of Minnesota, a fellow Member, disagreed with him on many points, but last July commented:

"I would like * * * to pay tribute to him personally. * * * There is no man whose criticisms have done more to improve the very program that he himself thought was perhaps ill-advised. He has made his fight and then has accepted the will of the majority and gone ahead to serve faithfully like a good soldier and do well that which the majority voted for. As a member of the committee, and one of his fellow legislators, I want to pay tribute to his ability, diligence, honesty, and forthrightness. There is no member of the committee who does not have the greatest respect for him."

Representative SMITH periodically polled his constituents in the First District to learn firsthand of their opinions on major issues. He was devoted to reducing Government spending and Federal controls. He was one of few Congressmen who, after each session, submitted his voting record to the public.

To citizens of his district he was cordial and gave freely of help in many individual cases. He used his influence to obtain funds for the completion of the Rock County Airport after the war, and worked unsuccessfully to establish there a big Air Force training base. He served Wisconsin and the Nation with all he had, honestly and well. And he was aided materially through those years by Mrs. Smith, whose knowledge and enthusiasm gave him constant support.

It seems likely that this sudden loss to Wisconsin and to the Republican Party will inspire many to seek the office he leaves vacant, with a probable primary to precede a special election.

[From the Milwaukee (Wis.) Sentinel]

AS WE SEE IT: REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

With the death of Representative LAWRENCE H. SMITH of Racine, Wisconsin has lost a loyal and devoted public servant, one whose Americanism was rugged and unswerving in an era when patriotism was sometimes considered old fashioned and outdated.

As a soldier in the 32d Division in World War I, as president of the Racine County Bar Association, as commander of the American

Legion, Department of Wisconsin, and as a Member of Congress for 16 years, LAWRENCE SMITH gave continuing and consistent proof of his deep devotion to his Nation, his State, and his fellow Americans.

There were some who questioned his strong, conservative views, but there were none who questioned the sincerity with which he held these views.

Perhaps that is finest tribute that can be paid him.

[From the Waukesha (Wis.) Daily Freeman]

REPRESENTATIVE SMITH'S DEATH BIG LOSS TO FIRST DISTRICT

The death of Racine's Congressman LAWRENCE H. SMITH in Washington yesterday represents a distinct loss to the people of that district and to the lower House. As dean of congressional Representatives from Wisconsin, his opinion on vital policy questions was often sought and during the 16 years he served as a Representative his influence in national affairs was considerable. As an unyielding foe of fruitless foreign-aid expenditures, he will be missed by those who could depend upon his support.

[From the Sharon (Wis.) Reporter]

LAWRENCE H. SMITH

Wisconsin—particularly our First Congressional District—lost a hard working representative of the people with the death yesterday, January 22, of the Honorable LAWRENCE H. SMITH.

A conservative Republican, Mr. SMITH was never an on-the-fence politician. One knew, every minute, where he stood on every question.

His people—not those in Racine alone, his home city, but in the entire district—were ever in his heart and always received his immediate attention.

He paid the going subscription rate for newspapers from his district, and through them, reading them carefully, he knew always what was going on at home.

As an example: we received, some time ago, a packet of materials from Congressman SMITH, containing information on how the Federal Government assists communities like Sharon in securing new industry. We passed it on to Commercial Club officers.

Sharon didn't have to ask for the materials; Mr. SMITH, through his reporter, learned that to secure industry was one of Sharon's goals. Without a letter from us, his secretaries assembled materials to assist us as well as possible.

That was but one of many instances which prove LAWRENCE SMITH went many an extra mile for his people. Anyone who has written Mr. SMITH on a subject knows his answers—received immediately—were always direct and to the point, never evasive.

Democrats and liberal Republicans alike never questioned Mr. SMITH'S honesty nor his sincerity. Though they may not always have agreed with him 100 percent, they ever respected him and weighed his words of wisdom.

As long as there are dedicated men and women like the late Mr. SMITH in the Government our American form of life will be preserved.

Thousands of folks in the First District who knew him personally have lost a friend—and all have lost a sincere, hard working public servant.

We have long had a personal conviction that to return to public office a man who has had a coronary is to present him with a death warrant. Such men must know this as well as we—and desire to die with their boots on. That is real dedication to the democratic way of life.

[From the Kenosha (Wis.) Evening News]

A DEDICATED MAN

Three years of living and working with a serious heart condition came to an end yesterday for Congressman LAWRENCE H. SMITH. He died, as they say, in harness. The distinguished Member of the House from the First Congressional District of Wisconsin continued his earnest work for his constituents right up to the moment of collapse.

He was, as Republican House Leader Martin said, a dedicated Congressman. In all the more than 16 troublesome years he served in the Congress he was known by his own Republican Party and the opposition as a diligent, hard-working Representative.

Representative SMITH was a most capable man with a mind of his own and he acted as his conscience dictated, with the result that many differed with him on his voting record. For instance, he carried Kenosha County in the special election of 1941, and in the general elections of 1942, 1944, and 1946, but failed to carry this county in the next five successive elections. However, as his long term in office indicates, he fared much better in the remainder of his five-county district, particularly in Rock, Green, and Walworth Counties.

Despite the fact that the majority of Kenosha voters opposed him politically, Representative SMITH continued to give of himself

for all residents in his district and for the State and the Nation. He was never bewitched by the vote pattern to favoring any area over another.

No one, for instance was more alert to the possibilities of the Richard I. Bong bomber base now taking shape in Kenosha, Racine, and Burlington areas. No one worked as hard as he did to get all the facts at the earliest possible moment to all the persons affected. Through his channels to the Defense Department, he was on top of the airbase subject from the moment the idea was hatched until his death.

On the national scene, Congressman SMITH carved out a high-ranking reputation as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The regard in which he was held was reflected in the attention which the members gave him in committee discussions and House debates.

He will be remembered by his colleagues and by his constituents for his fiery attacks in recent years on the multibillion dollar foreign-aid program. He was a most thoughtful student of foreign aid and most persistent in his insistence that it was a plain waste of money.

For years Congressman SMITH was filled with a sense of anxiety over the menace posed by the Soviet Union, wary of the Russians' peace language, yet never believed the solution could be found by buying friends.

Representative SMITH was more than alert to communism. He kept close tab on all domestic issues, including farm legislation, labor legislation, economy in government and taxes. It is well to remember that he could not vote on any issue to the complete satisfaction of all. He was returned to Congress again and again because of his past performance and his merits.

We like to remember Congressman SMITH as a man who served his country with honor in both war and peace, and as a man ready at any time to help any individual.

[From the Milton and Milton Junction (Wis.) Courier]

THE OBSERVER'S COLUMN

Anything else that might have been on the spindle for this week's column should be laid over to pay our respect to the late LAWRENCE H. SMITH, Congressman from this district which includes Rock County.

All shades of opinion and groups of political faith agree that he stood up for his convictions and was true to what he and his

many supporters were convinced was the highest form of Americanism.

It is difficult, almost impossible, for a people or a nation to rise above its leaders. Congressman SMITH gave to this true midwestern American district a representation which will be difficult to replace. His successor will have a high mark to shoot at.

As an officer in the ranks in World War I he saw the events which brought the world to its present state of uncertainty. He saw the high promises of a war to end all wars and to wipe militarism from the face of the earth. He saw this disillusionment and futility of our first big scale participation in international or foreign affairs.

For those of a later generation it will be difficult to see things in the same perspective. The Chicago Tribune writer terms him a quiet scholarly man, whose views were respected by men of both parties, despite the growing popularity of his position on foreign affairs.

The writer continues to say that SMITH was opposed to American meddling in international affairs, of foreign aid handouts and big Government spending. He was critical of the United Nations and the hopes of finding lasting peace through the U. N.

Representative O'Konski of northern Wisconsin praised SMITH as "A great statesman who could disagree without being disagreeable."

Maybe one of these days the pendulum will swing the other way but for the past two decades gradually our Representatives have swung to the idea that our men, our money, wealth, and ideas must be spread the world over, by force of arms if necessary and that we must have these outposts of foreign contacts and trade to survive.

Yes, the world is getting smaller and interchange with nations is easier and seems more natural. But there comes to mind the words of a missionary minded speaker of years ago, who perhaps prophesied more than he knew and this was his statement.

What good is it if we have interchange, trade, and relations with people all over the world, if each new contact is to be merely another source of irritation? How true in this day if we stop to think. The work of the missionary was slow, but at least he didn't expose us to the enmity of world powers.

The life span of Congressman SMITH covers an era in American affairs, which we are afraid will not always be understood by those who come after, because present day propaganda is not favorable to this enlightenment. It is more intent upon justifying the present state of affairs.

As we stand to respect LAWRENCE SMITH we breathe a prayer that a man will arise to fill his position with honor to himself and this district.

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[From the Lake Geneva (Wis.) Regional News]

LAWRENCE SMITH

The death of Representative LAWRENCE H. SMITH last week marked a great loss to the Wisconsin First Congressional District and to the Nation as a whole. To many Genevans, it was a personal loss, since he had many close friends in this area.

There was perhaps no Congressman more sincere than SMITH about the very high public position entrusted to him. Very outspoken for integrity in government, he strongly and unendingly advocated eliminating Federal extravagance and waste and was a foe of throwing money away on futile foreign aid schemes. In domestic affairs, SMITH constantly demanded economies and fought an increase in the national debt limit. Despite his heavy schedule, he always had time for individuals and enjoyed visits with his constituents.

The First District will not easily find a new Representative as capable and conscientious as LAWRENCE SMITH.

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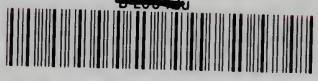

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